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TO: All WIC Coordinators

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RE: Earned Income Tax Credit – CASH Oregon



Dear WIC Coordinator,

Included is valuable information that could mean money in the pockets of your clients! WIC has teamed up with CASH Oregon and AARP Tax-Aide once again to spread the word about the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and free tax-aid sites in your community.

The EITC is a refundable federal income tax credit for lower income working individuals and families. **For tax year 2008, households with two or more qualifying children could get up to \$4,824!** Millions of dollars of EITC go to Oregon families every year and the IRS estimates that many eligible families do not claim this credit. This is where WIC and the tax-aid sites can help!

Please identify where the tax-aid sites are located in your community and educate your staff of these locations and of the EITC. This information can then be passed to your WIC clients along with these brochures. Sites and more information can be found at [www.cashoregon.org/index.htm](http://www.cashoregon.org/index.htm) (check the quick link toward the bottom of the page. Outreach materials in other languages are available at this site). Call 888-227-7669 or 503-243-7765 (tri-county area) to locate your local tax-aid site(s). Sites will begin filing returns the first week of February.

If you need this in an alternate format, please call (971) 673-0040.

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Here are a few ideas on how to distribute these tax-aid brochures:

- Encourage your staff to briefly ask clients if they are familiar with the EITC and free tax-aid services. If the client expresses interest, provide a brochure and location of the local tax-aid site.
- Make the brochures available at the front desk or provide as the client checks in.
- Include this brochure with any WIC mailings through March.

There are over 200 IRS-sponsored tax-aid sites in Oregon available to low and moderate income households. Help your clients become one step closer to economic independence by sharing these enclosed brochures.

Please contact Jolene McGee (971-673-0050 or [Jolene.mcgee@state.or.us](mailto:Jolene.mcgee@state.or.us)) with any thoughts or questions on this outreach. Thank you for your ongoing support in helping to meet the needs of your community!