

Connecting Clients with a Community Resource

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For tax year 2007, households with two or more qualifying children may get back up to \$4,716 from the Earned Income Tax Credit!

*Last year in Oregon over \$363 million dollars in Earned Income Tax Credit alone went to over 211,000 families. The IRS also estimates that 25% of those that are eligible don't claim the credit. **This is where WIC can help.** As tax time approaches, you can make sure clients know about valuable federal and state tax credits they may qualify for. If your WIC clients take advantage of this free service, they could become one step closer to economic independence.*

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Your WIC clinic has been sent English/Spanish tax-aid brochures titled "It's Your Money...Go Get It!" These should have been received last week. Please give these brochures to your clients throughout the tax season so they are aware of the FREE tax-aid services within your community. The end result could mean more money in the pockets of your clients!

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

- ◆ Encourage your CPAs to mention to clients that free tax-aid services are available. If the client expresses interest, provide the brochure.
- ◆ Make the brochures available at the front desk, or provide as the clients check in.
- ◆ Include the tax-aid brochure with any WIC mailings through March.

There are over 200 IRS-sponsored tax-aid sites in Oregon. Visit the CASH Oregon website at www.cashoregon.org to locate a free tax site in the Portland metro area or www.aarp.org/taxaide for all sites in Oregon.