

Earned Income Tax Credit

You may be eligible to receive a state and/or federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) for 2016

The EITC is a tax credit for low and moderate income individuals and families, and will not be counted as income for families receiving CalWORKs assistance. For those who qualify, the EITC reduces the amount of tax owed and may result in a refund. Some families who didn't pay any income tax in 2016 will also qualify for an EITC. More than 350,000 California taxpayers received a state EITC in 2015; the average payment was \$524, and more than \$189 million dollars was returned to Californians. Notably, the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) identified an additional 55,000 taxpayers who might have been eligible for the credit in 2015 but didn't claim it.

To receive an EITC, individuals and families must file a tax return, even if they do not owe any tax or are not required to file. A federal return must be filed to receive the federal EITC and a state return must be filed to receive the California EITC. Each EITC has its own income limits and other requirements. California does not differentiate between married or single headed households.

There are many EITC resources available for both LCSAs and families. To learn more about **California's EITC**, visit the FTB's EITC website at:

<https://www.ftb.ca.gov/individuals/faq/net/900.shtml>.

Tax filing assistance is available to all California families at no cost. Information can be found at: <http://caleitc4me.org/get-it/>.

Additional resources for LCSAs are also available on the **California EITC Partner Portal** at: https://www.ftb.ca.gov/individuals/faq/net/900_media.shtml.

For more information about the federal EITC, visit the **IRS Earned Income Tax Credit** page at: <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/individuals/earned-income-tax-credit>.

We hope you find this information valuable for you.