

Free tax preparation scheduled for early 2018

Kick-off event: Friday, Jan. 5

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Taxpayers claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) or Child Tax Credit (CTC) can have tax returns prepared and filed free by IRS-trained volunteers throughout the tax season at sites and special events presented by the local VITA Coalition.

EITC and CTC are two of the nation's largest anti-poverty programs, helping lift millions of workers and children out of poverty each year. The tax credits are more valuable than ever, ranging from \$510 for workers with no dependents to \$6,318 for some families. Eligible taxpayers must file a federal income tax return in order to claim the credits.

Events at the Montgomery County Job Center, 1111 S. Edwin C. Moses Blvd.:

- Super Refund Saturday, February 3, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (presented by KeyBank).
- Empowerment Saturday, March 10, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (presented by Fifth Third Bank).

For additional information on free tax preparation locations through April 17, call United Way HelpLink at 937-913-2000 or go to daytonohio.gov/eitc.

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Kick-off event for volunteers and media:

Community leaders, sponsoring organizations and volunteers will gather at the Montgomery County Job Center (1111 S. Edwin C. Moses Blvd.) on **Friday**, **January 5**, **at 10 a.m.**, to mark EITC Awareness Day in Dayton. Information will be provided about how workers can take advantage of free tax return preparation and the federal Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit.



