



Help Families in California Claim Valuable Tax Credits - Worth More Than Ever This Year!

You can make a difference this year by educating California families about federal and state tax credits that can help put thousands of dollars in their pockets!

Working families may be eligible for federal tax credits worth thousands of dollars when they file their taxes for 2009 in early 2010. These credits are more valuable than ever – for example, nearly three million more children will be eligible for the Child Tax Credit this year – so make sure families don't miss out!

- **Earned Income Tax Credit**, which helps provide a wage supplement for low and moderate-income families (those earning less than \$48,279 annually). This credit is worth up to \$5,657, and is refundable.
- **Child Tax Credit**, designed to help families offset some of the costs of raising children. This credit is worth up to \$1,000 per child. Families who owe little or no income tax can receive some or all of this credit as a refund if they earned at least \$3,000 in 2009.
- **Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit**, designed to offset some of the child or dependent care costs that families incur in order to work. This credit is worth up to \$2,100, though the amount that can be claimed is limited by a family's actual federal income tax liability.
- **Making Work Pay Credit**, designed to increase families' take-home pay. This refundable credit is worth up to \$800 for couples. Many workers already have received its benefits through an increase in their take-home pay.

In addition, California also offers:

- **The California Child and Dependent Care Expenses Tax Credit**, a refundable credit worth up to \$1,050 that offsets some of working families' child care expenses.

Even if a family doesn't owe income taxes, it may still be eligible for a refund check simply by claiming these credits on their federal and California tax returns!

Each tax filing season, the California Child Care Resource & Referral Network and the National Women's Law Center conduct a tax credits outreach campaign to help inform working families in California about these credits, and about free tax preparation services in their communities. For more information about the tax credits outreach campaign in California, contact the California Child Care Resource & Referral Network at **[ADD CONTACT INFO]**. And for more information on the federal and state child care credits, visit the National Women's Law Center website at www.nwlc.org/LowerYourTaxes.