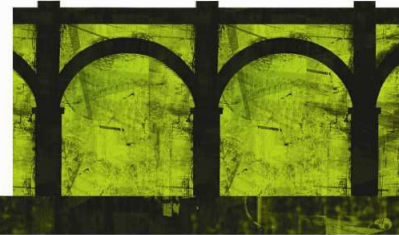


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P.E.A.C.E., Inc., in cooperation with The Partnership for Better Education, is seeking volunteers to help individuals with low to moderate incomes e-file their tax returns. As a volunteer tax filer, you can assist individuals file their taxes and obtain the many special credits and deductions available to them through the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Program.

Why is this so important? Each year in New York State, millions of dollars of EITC credits go unclaimed because eligible workers don't know about the credit or are uncertain about how to apply. The IRS estimates that 28% of households eligible for tax credits do not claim them. By offering free tax preparation services and applying the earned income tax credits that they are eligible for, you can help low income families get the additional money they have earned and desperately need returned back to them.

In addition, almost 19% of EITC taxpayers took out rapid advance loans, which are short-term loans tax filers can use to get their refunds sooner, but they pay a very high interest rate usually between 60% and 600%. Over \$25.5 million of their average federal refund was absorbed by tax preparation costs and RAL fees.

As a volunteer, you will be fully trained and certified by the IRS. The tax law interpretation and calculations are all done by the Tax Wise software eliminating the need for any accounting experience.

Volunteers must attend one 15 hour training session, which will occur over a 3 day period. There are 4 training sessions to choose from Nov - Jan. Training sessions are held from 4-8 on Thur & Fri and from 9-3 on Sat.

Please call Carolyn Brown at 470-3300 to find out more about this important volunteer opportunity!