



# HEALTHY FAMILIES EITC COALITION

## Fight Poverty by Supporting Free Tax Preparation

The Healthy Families EITC Coalition supports a legislative and budget initiative of **\$800,000**, adding to current state support for free tax preparation for low-income taxpayers at Community Action Agencies and other organizations across Massachusetts.



### Overview

**For low income wage earners – often working two jobs – the resources they access at VITA sites can make all the difference.** At VITA sites volunteers help low income taxpayers access the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and other tax credits, allowing them to pay bills, cover essential expenses and emergency needs, save and plan for the future. VITA sites - typically located at community-based organizations – also offer financial education and link low-income taxpayers to other critical services, strengthening families and the local economy.



**+30,000 served**



**80 VITA sites**



**Integrating Free Tax Prep with other critical services**

*(including fuel assistance, WIC, Head Start, etc.)*

### Results

VITA sites are a low-cost and high return activity offering up 60 to 1 return on investment, bringing \$60 million in tax credits back to taxpayers and their communities.



**\$60M in tax credits**



**\$300 saved by taxpayer for service, \$9M total**



**ROI is 60:1**

**\$1.44 activity generated per \$1 accessed**



**\$2,400 Ave EITC payout**



**Cost per client \$30**

### Volunteers

Volunteers are IRS-Certified and donate their time and expertise.



**+1,300 Volunteers**



**+\$2M Donated Tax Prep Services**



**+40,000 Volunteer Hours**



## Coalition Members

Children's HealthWatch  
Greater Boston Legal Services  
EmPath  
Boston Tax Help Coalition  
MA Association of CDC's  
Massachusetts Association for Community Action  
Action for Boston Community Development, Inc.  
Massachusetts Coalition for Adult Education  
Jane Doe Inc.  
One Family, Inc.  
United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley  
MA Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition  
StreetCred  
Center for New Americans  
Homes for Families  
Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston  
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute  
Association for Haitian Women  
Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción  
Family ACCESS of Newton  
BEST Hospitality Training Center  
Coalition for Social Justice  
Ellis Memorial and Eldredge House  
Quincy Community Action Programs, Inc.  
Allston Brighton CDC  
Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester  
Berkshire United Way  
Witnesses to Hunger