



HEALTHY FAMILIES EITC COALITION

Fight Poverty by Supporting Free Tax Preparation

The Healthy Families EITC Coalition advocates for continued 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



ROI is 60:1



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



\$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.



+1,000 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