

Taking advantage of the Earned Income Tax Credit is a **smart choice** that can help you reach your goals.
Here are some ideas to help you...

PUT THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT TO WORK FOR YOU

How much Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) do you qualify for?

Single Head of Household	Earned Income Range to Get Maximum EITC		Maximum EITC Amount	Earnings Before EITC Stops
	from	to		
No Children	\$5,950	\$7,500	\$457	\$13,400
One Child	\$8,950	\$16,450	\$3,043	\$35,450
Two Children	\$12,550	\$16,450	\$5,028	\$40,250
Three Children	\$12,550	\$16,450	\$5,657	\$43,250

Married Filing Jointly	Earned Income Range to Get Maximum EITC		Maximum EITC Amount	Earnings Before EITC Stops
	from	to		
No Children	\$5,950	\$12,500	\$457	\$18,400
One Child	\$8,950	\$21,450	\$3,043	\$40,450
Two Children	\$12,550	\$21,450	\$5,028	\$45,250
Three Children	\$12,550	\$21,450	\$5,657	\$48,279

Want to turn \$10,000 more in earnings into \$15,000? One taxpayer, Carmen, went to work part-time in 2008 after having her second child. She files Head of Household. This is her plan to earn more for her family.

Tax year	2008	2009	2010	2 year increase
W-2 Income	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$15,000	+\$10,000
EITC	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$5,000	+\$3,000
Other Credits*	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,800	+\$1,800
Total Income	\$7,000	\$15,000	\$21,800	+\$14,800

The EITC can make earning more really pay off!

Ask at this **free tax site** about other resources to help you make **smart choices** about the Earned Income Tax Credit, or contact:

www.irs.gov

www.thebeehive.org

All **Smart Choices** tips can be found at www.Mass211.org

*The "Additional Child Tax Credit"

All figures are based on 2009 tables, and are subject to change.

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