

# Give Your Paycheck a Boost!



*Get your Earned Income Credit.  
Many working families can now get the Child Tax Credit too!  
For information about how you can get these tax credits  
and free help filing your taxes, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.*

## *Claim Your Earned Income Credit*

**Get more from your regular paycheck!** The Earned Income Credit (EIC) is a special tax benefit for people who work full- or part-time. If you qualify, you'll owe less in taxes, and you may get cash back. Even if you don't owe income tax you can get the credit. But, you must file a federal tax return.

## *Who can get the Earned Income Credit?*

- Workers who were raising children in their homes and who earned less than \$33,178\* in 2002 can receive an EIC up to \$4,140 (or less than \$29,201\* if they were raising only one child). File form 1040 or 1040A, and attach Schedule EIC.
- Workers at least age 25 and under age 65, who were not raising children in their homes, and who earned less than \$11,060\* in 2002. File any tax form.

**The EIC Advance Payment** option allows some workers who are raising children to get part of their EIC in their paychecks throughout the year and part in a check from the IRS after they file their tax return. A worker can get up to **\$50 extra in each bi-weekly paycheck**. To get EIC Advance Payments, eligible workers give a Form W-5 to their employer. You can get the W-5 from your employer, or by calling the IRS at 1-800-TAX-FORM.

**New! Extra Credit if you earned more than \$10,350!** Many families may now qualify for the Child Tax Credit — up to \$600 for each dependent child under age 17! See the instructions for form 1040 or 1040A and attach Form 8812.



\*The new income limit for married workers is \$1,000 higher than this amount. Many married workers will get a larger EIC!