

## Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida (CLSMF)

The mission of CLSMF is to provide access to justice through high quality legal assistance to low-income persons.

Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc. provides free legal assistance to eligible low-income persons in civil matters (we do not provide legal assistance in criminal or traffic matters).

CLSMF offers community education seminars and detailed informational brochures on the major areas of law we practice.



This brochure is for general education only. It is not intended to be used to solve individual problems. If you have specific questions, see an attorney.

Although the LITC receives funding from the IRS, the clinic and its employees are not affiliated with the IRS. A taxpayer's decision to use the LITC will not affect the taxpayer's rights before the IRS.

## Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc.

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### *GIVE YOUR PAY- CHECK A BOOST !*



## Low Income Taxpayer Clinic

### **Claim Your Earned Income Tax Credit**

**A tax benefit for people who work**

**Client toll-free number  
(866) 886 -1799**

## THE IRS IS GOING TO GIVE ME MONEY? YES!!

The EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT (EITC) 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 could get the EITC. But you must file a tax return. Even workers who aren't raising children can get the EITC.

### What if I Don't Know How to Claim The Earned Income Tax Credit?

If you are eligible for services, the CLSMF Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic provides free advice regarding the EITC, in addition to assistance if your EITC claim is audited.



### How Do I Know if I am Eligible for This Service?

In order to receive advice and/or representation from CLSMF, it is necessary that you provide financial information (such as income and assets) about yourself and members of your household. This information will determine your eligibility for free services.

Call us at **1-866-886-1799** or **(386) 328-8361** to speak confidentially with an attorney or tax advocate.

## DID YOU KNOW. . .

For 2011, there's a higher rate for families with three or more **qualifying** children! If you have three or more children living with you, and your family earned less than \$43,998 (\$49,078 for married taxpayers), then you could get up to \$5,751 !

If you have two children living with you and your family earned less than \$40,964 (\$46,044 for married taxpayers), you could get up to \$5,112

If you have one child living with you, and your family earned less than \$36,052 (\$41,132 for married taxpayers), you could get up to \$3,094.

If don't have children living with you, and you earned less than \$13,660 (\$18,740 for married taxpayers), AND you are at least 25-years-old and under age 65, you could get up to \$464.

**NOTE: These amounts are for tax year 2011**



**PLEASE NOTE: WE DO NOT ASSIST WITH TAX PREPARATION (unless there is an underlying issue requiring tax preparation and filing)**  
**[www.clsmf.org](http://www.clsmf.org)**

## WHAT IF I HAVE NOT FILED TAXES OR DIDN'T CLAIM THE EITC?

You can still get the EITC. If you were eligible, you can claim the EITC for three previous years. Call Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc. to find out how: 1-866-886-1799 or (386) 328-8361

## WHAT IF I'M NOT A U.S. CITIZEN?

Employed legal immigrants are eligible for the EITC. If you are in the process of establishing your legal immigrant status, you are not eligible, but once you attain legal status, you can retroactively claim the EITC for the previous three years.



## I WORK AND GET PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BENEFITS. IF I GET THE EITC, WILL I LOSE MY OTHER BENEFITS?

The EITC does not affect benefits like Food Stamps, SSI, Medicaid, or public housing. In most cases, the EITC does not affect cash assistance.