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## News Release

### Free Tax Preparation Sites

About 435,000 Arizonians received the earned-income tax credit for 2007, yet the IRS estimates one-fourth of eligible low-income workers fail to file for the credit. Credits range up to \$4,824 for working families with two or more children. Earned and adjusted gross income must be below \$41,646 for joint fillers with two-plus kids to receive the full credit.

(Phoenix) Community Information & Referral's **Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Tax Assistance Hotline** is available now through April 15<sup>th</sup>. The EITC Hotline, in cooperation with the IRS, provides information on locations where low and moderate income individuals and families can go to have their tax forms prepared free of charge by trained volunteers at the sites and at certain locations, can file your taxes electronically, also free of charge. Call the EITC/Tax Assistance Hotline at (602) 263-8856 or 1-800-352-3792 outside Maricopa County or visit the CIR website at [www.cir.org](http://www.cir.org) for details. The CIR 2009 EITC/Tax Assistance Hotline sponsors are Arizona Public Services (APS), Salt River Project (SRP), Southwest Gas Corporation and the Arizona Community Foundation.

Last year (January 1, 2008 through April 15, 2008) 14, 318 callers were assisted by the EITC/Tax Assistance Hotline and 10, 379 individuals obtained information from the CIR website.

Community Information & Referral (CIR), a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, provides **FREE**, 240hour Help Hotline services to ten Arizona counties, including the greater Phoenix area. Trained Information & Referral Specialists respond to calls for help, assess problems, and provide appropriate information and/or referrals to available community resources. Callers can reach the helpline in Maricopa County by calling **(602) 263-8856** or, outside Maricopa County toll free at **1-800-352-3792**. Visit us on the web at <http://www.cir.org>.