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Indiana group calls attention to earned income credit

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INDIANAPOLIS – A group that advocates for Indiana’s working poor is reminding residents to take advantage of earned income tax credits when they file tax returns.

The Indiana Institute for Working Families says the federal tax credit is available to working parents earning as much as \$48,000 in one year, depending on marital status and number of children. Childless low-income workers earning about \$13,000, or \$18,000 for a married couple, also may be eligible.

The maximum credit is worth more than \$5,600.

Indiana also has a state earned income tax credit set at 9 percent of the federal credit.

The Indiana Community Action Association says nearly 500,000 Indiana residents took advantage of the credit in 2008.