

## Free Tax Preparation

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April 15th will be here before you know it!

And local officials are trying to get the word out about free tax preparation for low-income working families in Baltimore.

The free services are made possible through the Baltimore CASH Campaign.

It has been in operation for nine years now, the goal this year is to prepare 16,000 returns for eligible taxpayers.

The work is done by trained and certified volunteers through the IRS.

"Sadly, the earned income tax credit is both federal and state tax credit. We're very lucky in Maryland to have state EITC as well. The goal is to help working families get a boost during the tax season...to help them pay their regular bills or save for the future. Sadly, folks don't know about it and anywhere from 15-25% of eligible taxpayers leave that money on the table," said Joanne Smith-Ramani, Baltimore CASH Campaign.

There are 20 free community tax services sites around the city and two in Baltimore County.