

Make sure your tax refund is all it can be!

# The Earned Income Tax Credit



1199SEIU and the 1199SEIU Benefit Fund are again making available a free tax prep program to help ensure that working people pay only the taxes they owe and apply for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). The EITC, a tax credit for low-and moderate-income families, was originally enacted in 1975 as the EIC. Over the years, with tax reform and legislation, the program has expanded. A recent study from the University of California at Irvine supports the EITC as one of the most effective anti-poverty

programs ever enacted. Researchers noted the particular benefit of the credit to women; one in eight U.S. women live in poverty. Since its inception in 1999, the 1199SEIU/NBF EITC Program has helped Union members garner hundreds of millions of dollars in tax refunds. New York City members alone have received combined refunds totaling more than \$100 million. The program works with tax preparation professionals at sites throughout the Union's regions. Help with tax prep and filing is free of charge.

## What You Need to Bring to File for the EITC:

- Your spouse. If you are filing a joint return, your spouse must be present.
- Government-issued photo identification.
- All applicable forms from 2017, including W-2, 1099, 1098-T, 1095-A, 1095B/B1098 and 1098-E.
- Tax Employer Identification Number and the Social Security Number of your child care provider if you are claiming child care expenses.
- Voided check with routing number if you will be requesting direct deposit of your refund.
- Amounts of any other income, such as jury fees or gambling income.
- A copy of last year's tax returns.



▲ The Earned Income Tax Credit has helped 1199SEIU families file for more than \$100 million in tax refunds.

## SITE LOCATIONS:

### Florida

Call the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance site locator at (800) 906-9887 or use the VITA site locator tool at [www.irs.gov/individuals/find-a-location-for-free-tax-prep](http://www.irs.gov/individuals/find-a-location-for-free-tax-prep).

### Maryland

#### Baltimore

611 North Eutaw St.  
Tuesday, January 30 – Saturday, April 14.  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Fridays & Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: Closed  
Monday: Closed  
Call the following telephone number for an appointment:  
Union Members Direct Dial (443) 332-1199

### Massachusetts

Monday, January 29 – Monday, April 16  
Call (877) 409-1199 for an appointment.

#### Quincy

108 Myrtle St. 4th fl.  
Mondays, Tuesdays & Fridays: 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

#### Springfield

20 Maple St. Springfield, MA  
Tuesdays: 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Thursdays: 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### New York

#### Buffalo

2421 Main St., Suite 100  
Call for an appointment:  
(716) 982-0540, ext. 3721 or ext. 3722  
February 1 – April 17.  
Mondays: 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesdays: 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesdays: 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Thursdays: 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Fridays: Closed  
Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Off-sites only for the month of February)

#### North Country

95 East Main Street, Gouverneur

Call (315) 287-9013 ext. 11 for an appointment.  
Monday, January 29 – Monday, April 9.  
Monday: 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Thursdays: 4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

#### Rochester

259 Monroe Ave., Suite 220, 2nd floor  
Call (585) 730-6433 for an appointment.  
Saturday, January 27 to Tuesday, April 17.  
Strong Memorial Hospital - 601 Elmwood Ave.  
Union Office - 259 Monroe Ave., Suite 220  
Saturday, January 27 to Sunday, January 28:  
Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Union office)  
Monday, January 29 to Sunday, February 11:  
Tuesdays: 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (Strong Memorial Hospital)  
Thursday: 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Union office)  
Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Union office)  
Monday, February 12 to Sunday, March 25:  
Tuesdays: 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (Strong Memorial Hospital until 2/27/2018)  
Thursday: 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Union office)  
Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Union office)  
Monday, March 26 to Monday, April 16:  
Tuesdays 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (Union office)  
Thursday: 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Union office)  
Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Union office)

#### Syracuse

1199 SEIU UHE, 250 South Clinton St., Suite 200  
Call (315) 424-1743, ext. 111 for an appointment.  
Monday, January 29 to Monday, April 16.  
Mondays to Thursdays: 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### Downstate New York and New Jersey

Members in downstate New Jersey and Downstate New York (including New York City, Westchester County and Long Island) can log on to [www.1199seiubenefits.org](http://www.1199seiubenefits.org) for more information about free tax preparation sites, locations, hours of operation and other resources. For the first time, Benefit Fund's Tax Preparation Assistance Program includes two quick and easy options for filing taxes from home. To access the programs from the Fund's website, visit [www.1199SEIUBenefits.org/eitc](http://www.1199SEIUBenefits.org/eitc). Click on the links for Food Bank Self Prep or NYC MyFree Taxes, depending on the option you want. Expert help from the Food Bank For New York City is available via telephone Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Call (646) 981-6111