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The EITC Helps the Economy

- It lifts 6.5 million people out of poverty every year, including about 3.3 million children.
- 8.9 million people are equivalent to the population of the state of Arizona.
- 6.4 million people are equivalent to the population of the state of Texas.

Children of EITC recipients do better in school, are more likely to attend college, and work and earn more as adults.

Use EITC Calculator

1. Don’t cut the EITC for working families.

Six million families either became eligible for an EITC or got a larger EITC because of a temporary expansion passed in 2009. They will lose this important benefit if the expansion is not made permanent.

A single mother of three who earns $18,000 a year as a home health aide saw her EITC increase by $672 because of the 2009 expansion. Now, she’s at risk of losing this income boost unless the expansion is made permanent.

2. Expand the EITC to new workers without children.

Childless workers are the only group of workers facing poverty. Expanding the EITC to workers and workers younger than 25 poverty for more than 10 million young men of color, women, and older workers could lift more than 1.4 million out of poverty.

A fast-food worker who earns minimum wage barely above the poverty line in an EITC increase by $670.

These improvements, if implemented, would lift about a million people out of poverty for many millions more. Here’s how you can help:

Support EITC reform. There are several federal bills and a new proposal from the President that would strengthen the EITC and benefit the most and EITC has never metastasized EITC. For more information, see the Joint Committee on Taxation's report.

Share your experience. How has the EITC helped your family prosper? Tell your story.

Claim the credit! You can help us make sure that working people in your district will continue to benefit from the EITC.

Look for the 2015 KIDS COUNT in Delaware Fact Book

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