

Pathfinder Community Connections Announces Times for Free Tax Preparation

Pathfinder Community Connections, the Community Development division of Pathfinder Services, will be providing **FREE** tax preparation assistance to people with low-to-moderate income this year, a savings of up to \$500!

Pathfinder Community Connections will begin offering this service on Monday, January 25th and the service will run through Monday, April 13th. Please note appointments must be made to utilize this service!

Free Tax Preparation are by appointment only and times that are available will be on Monday's, Tuesday's, and Wednesday's between 9:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M., Thursday's from 9:00 A.M. until Noon, and Saturday's from 8:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.

The Earned Income Tax Credit or EITC, provides tax credits to working adults and families with low or moderate incomes. Money can be used to pay down debts, buy things families need, or can be saved for the future.

The maximum EITC for 2009 is:

- \$457 for families with NO qualifying children
- \$3,043 for families with 1 qualifying child
- \$5,028 for families with 2 qualifying children
- \$5,657 for families with 3 or more qualifying children

Families may qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit if they meet the following guidelines:

- If the family has no children and made under \$13,440 (\$6.46/hr.) in 2009, or if the family has no children and made under \$18,440 (\$8.86/hr.) if married filing jointly.
- If the family has 1 child and made under \$35,463 (\$17.04/hr.) in 2009, or if the family has 1 child and made under \$40,463 (\$19.45/hr.) if married filing jointly.
- If the family has 2 children and made under \$40,245 (\$19.37/hr.) in 2009, or has 2 children and made under \$45,245 (\$21.77/hr.) if married filing jointly.
- If the family has 3 or more children and made under \$43,279 (\$20.50/hr.) in 2009, or has 3 or more children and made under \$48,279 (\$23.21/hr.) if married filing jointly.

If you qualify, and would like to set up an appointment please contact **Katie Rodgers or Beth Stevens** at Pathfinder Community Connections at (260) 356-0521 or e-mail Katie at krodgers@pathfinderservices.org or Beth at bstevens@pathfinderservices.org.

Pathfinder Community Connections is the community development division of Pathfinder Services and was created in 1997. Pathfinder Community Connections guides potential home buyers through the entire process of pre-purchase education, loan packaging, closing on the home, post purchase counseling, and when in need foreclosure prevention. Pathfinder Community Connections can be found online at www.cchomes.org and has provided over \$9.7 million in down payment assistance to over 1,300 families since 1997.