

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 again this year, a savings of up to \$500! Appointments will be accepted beginning Tuesday, January 3rd.

Pathfinder Community Connections will begin offering this service beginning Monday January 23rd through Thursday, April 17th at the Pathfinder Services North Campus located at 2824 Theater Avenue in Huntington. Please note appointments must be made to utilize this service!

Free Tax Preparation is by appointment only and times that are available each week will be Monday through Wednesday between 9:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M., Thursday between Noon and 8:00 P.M., Friday from 9:00 A.M. until Noon. and Saturday from 9:00 A.M. until Noon.

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 2011 is:

- \$464 for families with NO qualifying children
- \$3,094 for families with 1 qualifying child
- \$5,112 for families with 2 qualifying children
- \$5,751 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 \$13,660 (\$6.56/hr.) in 2011, or if the family has no children and made under \$18,740 (\$9.01/hr.) if married filing jointly.
- If the family has 1 child and made under \$36,052 (\$17.33/hr.) in 2011, or if the family has 1 child and made under \$41,132 (\$19.77/hr.) if married filing jointly.
- If the family has 2 children and made under \$40,964 (\$19.69/hr.) in 2011, or has 2 children and made under \$46,044 (\$22.13/hr.) if married filing jointly.
- If the family has 3 or more children and made under \$43,998 (\$21.15/hr.) in 2011, or has 3 or more children and made under \$49,078 (\$23.59/hr.) if married filing jointly.

If you qualify, and would like to set up an appointment please contact **Kyle Miller or Beth Stevens** at Pathfinder Community Connections at (260) 355-2510 or e-mail them at taxprep@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.