



HIV RISK REDUCTION & EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT



WHAT IS EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT (EITC)?

EITC is an anti-poverty program that provides **cash assistance** to lower income individuals



Research shows that single women with children **reduce their HIV risk** just by claiming their EITC



Poverty is a key driver of the HIV epidemic and EITC puts cash in low income individuals' hands

TYPES OF EITC

FEDERAL

available nationwide to eligible Americans

STATE

REFUNDABLE

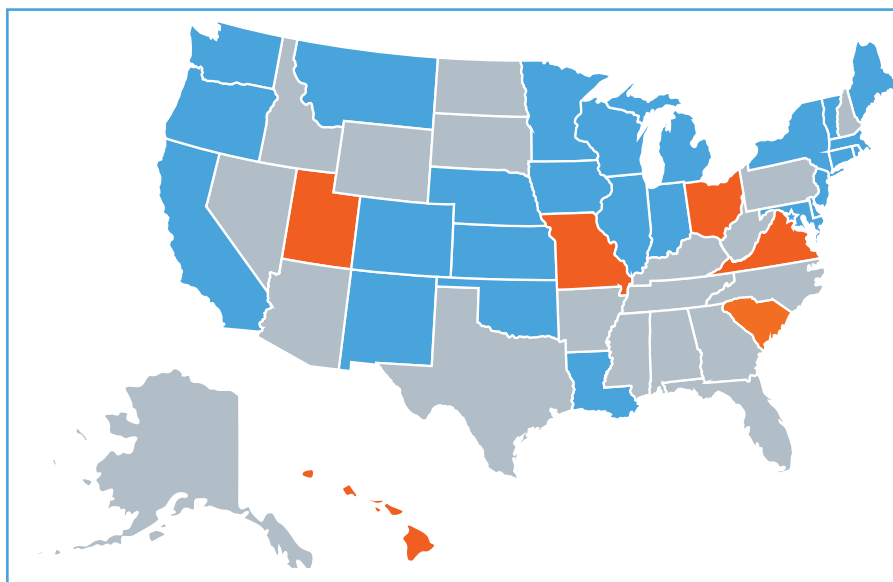
available even if you don't owe any taxes

NON-REFUNDABLE

unavailable if you don't owe taxes



NOT EVERY STATE HAS AN EITC, AND THOSE THAT DO VARY IN THEIR GENEROSITY



STATES WITH EITC

- refundable state EITCs (26 states and Washington, D.C.)
- non-refundable state EITC
- no state EITC



For a mother of 3, the difference between a refundable and non-refundable state EITC could mean at least an additional **\$643** in states with EITCs worth 10% or more of federal EITC

\$643 = COST OF 2+ HOURS OF HIV RISK REDUCTION COUNSELING

REFUNDABLE

NON-REFUNDABLE

STATE EITC WORTH **AT LEAST 10% OF FEDERAL EITC**

21% reduction in HIV risk behaviors that year

No significant reduction in HIV risk behaviors that year

STATE EITC WORTH **LESS THAN 10% OF FEDERAL EITC**

No significant reduction in HIV risk behaviors that year

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The same risk behaviors that are reduced by cash assistance programs like EITC are also linked to reduced risk of **cervical cancer, liver cancer, and pelvic inflammatory disease.**

