



## Media Release

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# Fresno West Coalition Tax Day Marathon

What:	FREE Tax Assistance
When:	Tuesday, April 17, 8 AM -8 PM
Where:	Fresno West Coalition Office, 302 Fresno St, Ste 212 Fresno 93706 (southwest of Fwy 99 & Fresno St)
Cost:	<b>FREE services and paper or e-filing</b>
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Topics:	EITC, free tax assistance, community residents

Fresno, CA- Fresno West Coalition for Economic Development (FWCED) is finalizing its 13-week campaign to help residents file their federal and state taxes for FREE. We will be open on Tuesday, **TAX DAY from 8 AM to 8 PM** in a final push for people to take advantage of the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit.

The Federal *Earned Income Tax Credit* (EITC) is the government's largest cash assistance program and lifts more families out of poverty than any other federal program. The EITC is designed to help low-income residents save more of their hard-earned wages. Individuals without children who earn below \$12,000 and working families with annual incomes up to \$38,000 (depending on the number of children and marital status) are eligible for the EITC. Those who claim the EITC can receive a refund of up to \$4,500. In 2005, over \$2 Million went unclaimed by eligible residents in West Fresno and \$7 Million countywide.

**Who can use our FREE services?** Individuals or families who made less than \$50,000 in 2006. Call our office to find out what you need to bring with you to complete your return.

**Do you need an appointment?** No. Walk-ins accepted until **7 PM**.

**What if I can't get to your office?** Visit our website, [www.fwced.org](http://www.fwced.org) for a link to you're your taxes electronically (English or Spanish). Or call 1 (800) 501-5317 find a FREE walk-in site near you.

Fresno West Coalition for Economic Development (FWCED) is a nonprofit community development corporation striving to improve the physical and socio-economic conditions of southwest Fresno. This is achieved through advocacy with programs in housing, employment and business development.

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