

Free tax preparation services now available

If you live in the Lexington area and make less than \$42,000 a year, filing your tax return just got a whole lot easier.

The [Central Kentucky Economic Empowerment Project](#) (CKEEP) can help you claim the earned income tax credit and others for which you are entitled, such as the child tax credit and dependent child care credit. The earned income tax credit alone can be worth nearly \$5,000, and the IRS estimates that as many as 25 percent of eligible workers might be missing out on it.

Regardless of where you have your taxes prepared, ask about tax credits to ensure you receive them if eligible.

More than a dozen CKEEP [sites](#) are staffed by volunteers who are trained and certified by the IRS. All the services are free – and aimed at helping you get the tax refund you’ve earned.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the [United Way of the Bluegrass](#) at 2-1-1. (2-1-1 is a free telephone service that matches people in need with organizations that can help.)

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