

EARNED INCOME CREDIT DOCUMENTATION

To all of our clients who may qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC):

More than ever the IRS is attempting to identify taxpayers who knowingly take advantage of certain tax credits. The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is one of the credits that has been on the "radar" at the IRS for taxpayers who fraudulently claim the credit.

<u>As Paid Tax Preparers</u>, we have to abide by conducting more "Due Diligence" regarding the residency of the children living with the taxpayer(s) who may qualify for this tax credit.

We are asking our clients who may qualify to bring in documentation to show that you and your child lived together at the same address for more than half of 2024. It should show **EACH CHILD'S** name, address on record and, if applicable, dates they lived with you. Such documents may include:

- School records (not a report card, printed online records are a good start)
- Medical records
- Daycare records
- Social service records

For those who are self employed:

We know that you fill out and sign our business worksheet, but in addition to that, please bring copies of documents to substantiate your business. Items to be considered could be:

- Business license
- 1099's issued to you
- Log books
- Business bank account statements
- Any proof that you clearly have a business

Please know that we are requesting these documents for the protection of you as well as ourselves in the case of an IRS Audit. YOU are responsible for what is on your tax return.

If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact your tax preparer at (608) 362-1224.