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Free tax preparation program for low to moderate-income residents

Single mother Janet Brown was in school working on getting a better job last year when she turned to a free tax preparation program for help getting her tax refund.

The "Earn It! Keep It! Save It! (EIKISI)" Contra Costa Campaign assisted the Pittsburg resident in collecting more than \$4,000 in tax refunds and credits. This year, she's volunteering with the third annual campaign, which assists hard-working, low to moderate-income families and individuals file their taxes and claim refunds owed to them, such as federal Earned Income Tax and Child Care credits.

Households earning \$38,000 or less can receive up to \$4,400 in tax refunds - a significant amount of money for families struggling to make ends meet. Last year, the program helped about 1,700 Contra Costans claim more than \$2 million, according to campaign organizers. Brown, 50, wants to encourage others to sign up for the program.

"I want everyone to know that the program works. Some people go to companies that charge to get your refund early but this program is free and that's money you can keep," she said.

The Earned Income Tax Credit is the federal government's largest work incentive program. People with children also may receive a child tax credit of up to \$1,000 for each child under the age of 17, said EIKISI Campaign Manager Lloyd Madden. He urges workers to participate even if they don't make enough to be required to file with the IRS.

All sites are now open for the annual free tax preparation program helping hard-working, low to moderate-income families and individuals file their taxes and claim refunds owed to them, such as federal Earned Income Tax and Child Care credits.

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The sites are at the following locations and run through April 15:

Antioch:

OPTIC, 3102 Delta Fair Blvd.,
5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., through April 15.

Bay Point:

Bay Point Works, 3105 Willow Pass Road,
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Mondays through Fridays, through April 14.

Pittsburg:

One-Stop Career Center, 415 Railroad Ave.,
5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays, through April 13.

Oakley:

St. Anthony's Catholic Church,
971 O'Hara Ave.,
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturdays, through April 15.

Brentwood:

One-Stop Career Center,
281 Pine St., Brentwood,
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturdays, Feb. 25, March 11 and 25, and April 8.

The EIKISI program is sponsored by the Family Economic Security Partnership (FESP). FESP is a public, private and nonprofit collaboration that includes the Contra Costa Employment and Human Services Department, Contra Costa Health Services, United Way of the Bay Area, First Five Contra Costa, IRS, and the East Bay Community Foundation.