



The Alliance is a member driven network started in 2004 by UNH Cooperative Extension with funds provided by NH Charitable Foundation and Annie E Casey Foundation as a way to share best practices, support, media and training among the locations in NH providing free tax preparation.

Contact the Alliance

The Alliance cares about EITC issues and communicates with its members. Contact Suzann Enzian Knight, UNH Cooperative Extension (suzann.knight@unh.edu) to learn how you can get involved with the local asset building coalitions and the free tax preparation sites.

**To learn more, visit:
<http://www.nheitc.org>**



*Help us connect
low and moderate income
NH workers to tax related
resources, supports
and asset building.*

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The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) has been touted as one of the most successful anti-poverty initiatives in the US. However up to 25% of eligible individuals and households don't claim the credit.

In 2008, more than \$115 million EITC dollars came into NH according to the IRS. That leaves over \$30 million of EITC dollars unclaimed.

The Alliance members reach out to the eligible individuals and households to file their taxes at free tax preparation sites to capture the EITC dollars and other credits for which they qualify.

The Alliance member organizations also seek to take advantage of the "teachable moments" tax time offers to help clients build money management skills and provide vehicles for asset development such as the Individual Development Account (IDA) or the purchase of US Savings Bonds through the tax return.

Expanding the work of the Alliance members would provide increased access of EITC dollars to those who need them the most, along with asset building education and the savings vehicles to help make it happen.

In 2008, Alliance members filed 12,663 returns, bringing refunds of \$9,329,996, including EITC of \$2,076,175 into the local economy.

NH EITC Statewide Alliance Provides:

Greater Outreach

Great Attention

One Stop Access to all the Asset Building Coalitions and free tax preparation sites.

Locations:

Concord, Franklin, Gorham, Laconia, Manchester, Nashua, Peterborough and Portsmouth.

The Alliance cares about EITC issues and low and moderate income families' financial security.

The NH EITC State Alliance is a collaborative partnership of the following agencies and organizations:

AARP

Casey Family Services

CATCH Neighborhood Housing

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of NH

Family Resource Center at Gorham Heritage United Way

Internal Revenue Service

Lakes Region United Way

Legal Advice Referral Center

NH Community Loan Fund

NH Pro Bono Program

Plymouth University

Rockingham County Community Action Program

Southern NH University

The River Center, Family & Community Resource Center

The Institute on Disability - UNH

United Way of Merrimack County

United Way of Greater Nashua

United Way of the Greater Seacoast

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