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TAXES 101:

EXPANDED FEDERAL AND STATE TAX CREDITS PUT CASH INTO THE POCKETS OF CALIFORNIA'S YOUTH AND PARENTS

May 12, 2021

11:30-12:30 a.m.

We need YOU to support California's 3.8 million TAY

College students

Foster Youth

Young parents

Homeless Youth



Covid-19 Impact on Earnings

- Job loss and reduced hours
- Internet and technology expenses
- Grocery and PPE expenses
- Housing needs
- Difficulties accessing childcare
- Difficulties accessing public benefits and unemployment
- Increased utilities and home costs
- Stimulus check barriers



Federal Tax Credits & Stimulus Checks

Federal Earned Income Tax Credit - For the 2021 tax year, the earned income credit ranges from **\$1,502 to \$6,660** depending if you are filing as single or jointly and how many children you have. **This credit was only available to taxpayers age 25-65 if they do not have a qualify child.** Young parents do qualify. **The credit is expanded to include foster youth ages 18+ and all young adults age 19+ for the tax year.**

Child Tax Credit - The standard Child Tax Credit is usually worth up to **\$2,000** per child dependent. For 2021 it will be expanded to **\$3,000 with the option for monthly payments!** <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/advance-child-tax-credit-payments-in-2021>

Adoption Tax Credit: You may be eligible for reimbursement, up to a certain amount, of **court costs, attorney fees, home studies** and other reasonable and necessary expenses directly related to the legal adoption of a child.

Unemployment Benefits: Unemployment is taxable after the first \$10,000 received. For those who overpaid prior to the change – refunds will be issued in May 2021. <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/tax-treatment-of-unemployment-compensation>

Federal Stimulus Checks- The IRS distributed a first round of stimulus checks to individuals who had filed their taxes or signed up online for non-filers of **\$1,200** per individual and child in the household. A second round of stimulus checks was disbursed for **\$600** per individual and qualifying child. Individuals who have not yet received these funds will be able to receive the stimulus when they file this year's tax return. A third stimulus check is being disbursed. <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/recovery-rebate-credit>



California Tax Credits & Golden State Stimulus

California Earned Income Tax Credit - If you're 18 or older, or have a qualifying dependent, and you made less than \$30,000, you qualify for the CalEITC when you file your state tax return. The credit ranges from **\$243 to \$3,027** dollars depending on how you file and if you have children. Use [this online calculator](#) to find out how much money you could get back.

Young Child Tax Credit - If you're eligible for the [CalEITC](#) and you have a child who is under the age of 6 as of Dec. 31 of the tax year, then you qualify for the Young Child Tax Credit, which could mean up to an additional **\$1,000** in your refund.

Renter's credit - If you lived in California for the entire year, paid rent for at least half of the year, and were not living with a parent or foster parent or legal guardian, you may qualify for the renter's credit. The renter's credit is either a **\$60** credit for single renters whose incomes is below \$43,533, or a **\$120** credit for married/registered domestic partner taxpayers who file together and whose incomes is below \$87,066.

Golden State Stimulus Checks- The governor and legislature passed an emergency stimulus check worth **\$600** per tax return for tax filers who qualified for the CalEITC last year and for filers who were use an ITIN this tax year. There are current proposals for another round of stimulus in the state budget process.



California Earned Income Tax Credit

What's New?

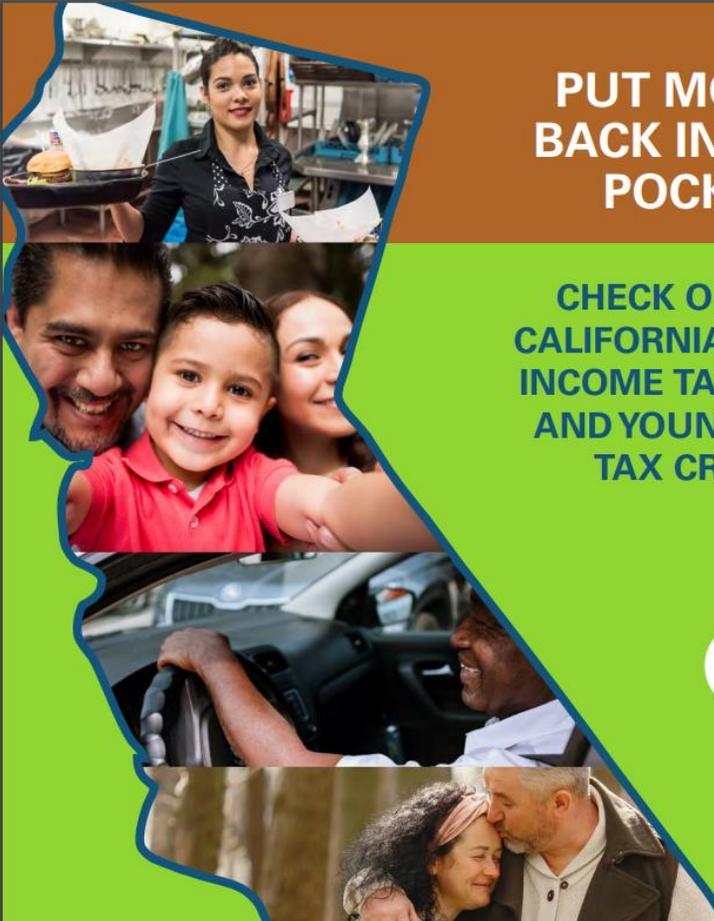
- **Before 2018**, without a qualifying child, had to be ages 25-65
- Beginning in **tax year 2018**, eligibility lowered to 18 years old
- Beginning in **tax year 2019**, the Young Child Tax Credit gives \$1,000 to qualifying parents with a child younger than age 6
- Beginning in **tax year 2020**, tax filers who use an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) qualify



Who qualifies for CalEITC?

As of the 2020 tax year, you may qualify for the CalEITC if you:

- **are 18** or older at the end of 2020
- under age 18 with **qualifying children**
- have an income of at least **\$1**
- have a **SSN or ITIN**
- lived in California for **half of 2020**, and
- have an income of **\$30,000 or less**



**PUT MONEY
BACK IN YOUR
POCKET.**

**CHECK OUT THE
CALIFORNIA EARNED
INCOME TAX CREDIT
AND YOUNG CHILD
TAX CREDIT.**

New

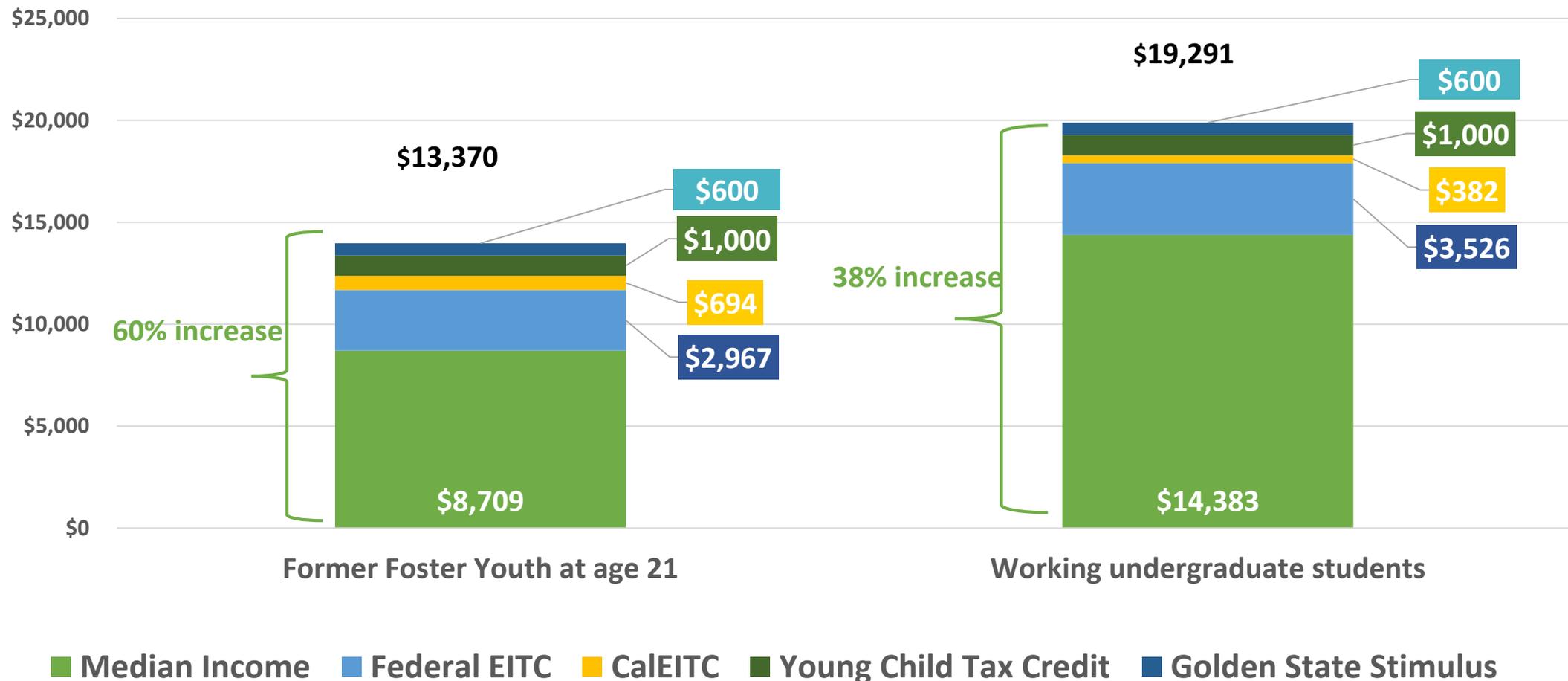
**ITIN filers
now eligible!**

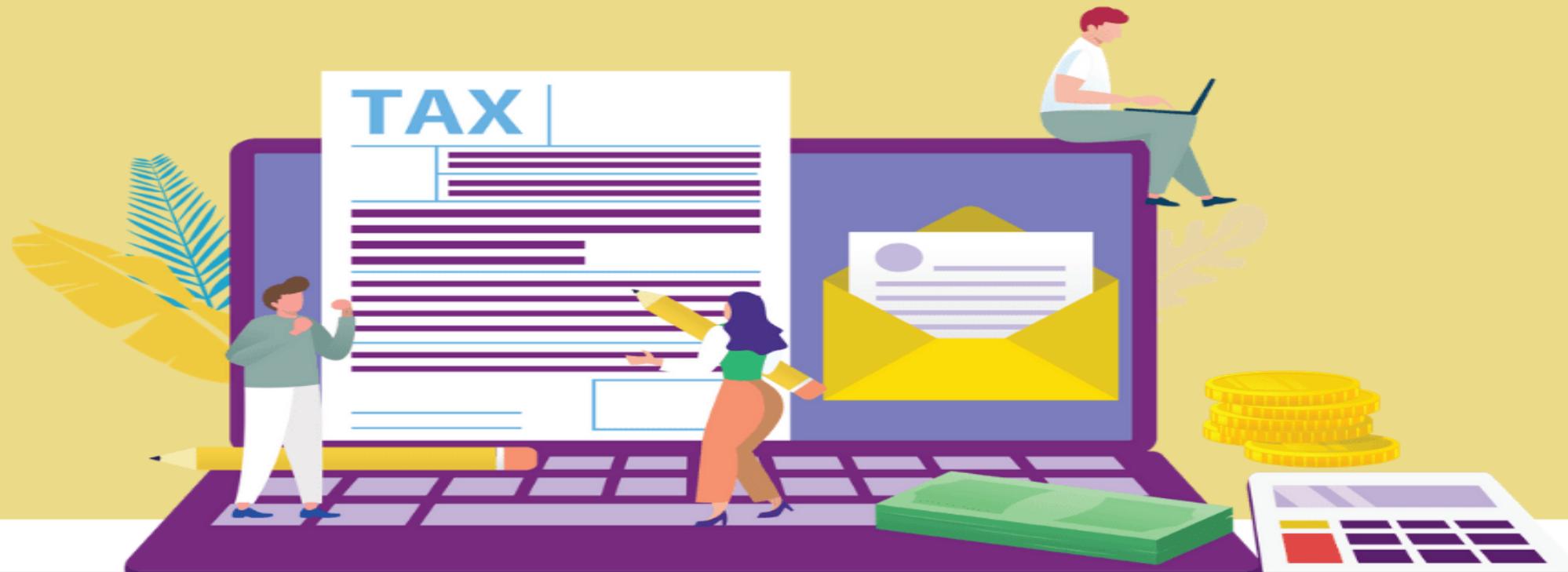
What is the most amount of money TAY can get?

- The cash back refunds increase depending on the number of

	STATE			FEDERAL	
NUMBER OF CHILDREN	MAXIMUM INCOME	CALEITC (UP TO)	YOUNG CHILD TAX CREDIT (FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN YOUNGER THAN SIX IN 2020)	MAXIMUM INCOME	FEDERAL EITC (UP TO)
None	\$30,000	\$243	\$0	\$15,820	\$538
1	\$30,000	\$1,626	\$1,000	\$41,756	\$3,584
2	\$30,000	\$2,691	\$1,000	\$47,440	\$5,920
3 or more	\$30,000	\$3,027	\$1,000	\$50,954	\$6,660

Filing taxes can significantly increase the income of TAY, particularly young parents





WAYS TO HELP PREPARE & FILE TAXES

1: Review & Circulate All County Information Notices on the CalEITC



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November 5, 2018

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE (ACIN) NO. I-75-18

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE-TO-WORK COORDINATORS
ALL CALWORKS PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL CALFRESH PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL REFUGEE PROGRAM COORDINATORS
ALL COUNTY CHILD CARE COORDINATORS
ALL TRIBAL TANF ADMINISTRATORS
ALL CONSORTIA PROJECT MANAGERS

SUBJECT: 2018 EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT (EITC) OUTREACH
PUBLICATIONS

All County Information Notice 2018:

http://www.cdss.ca.gov/Portals/9/ACIN/2018/I-75_18.pdf?ver=2018-11-21-141643-317

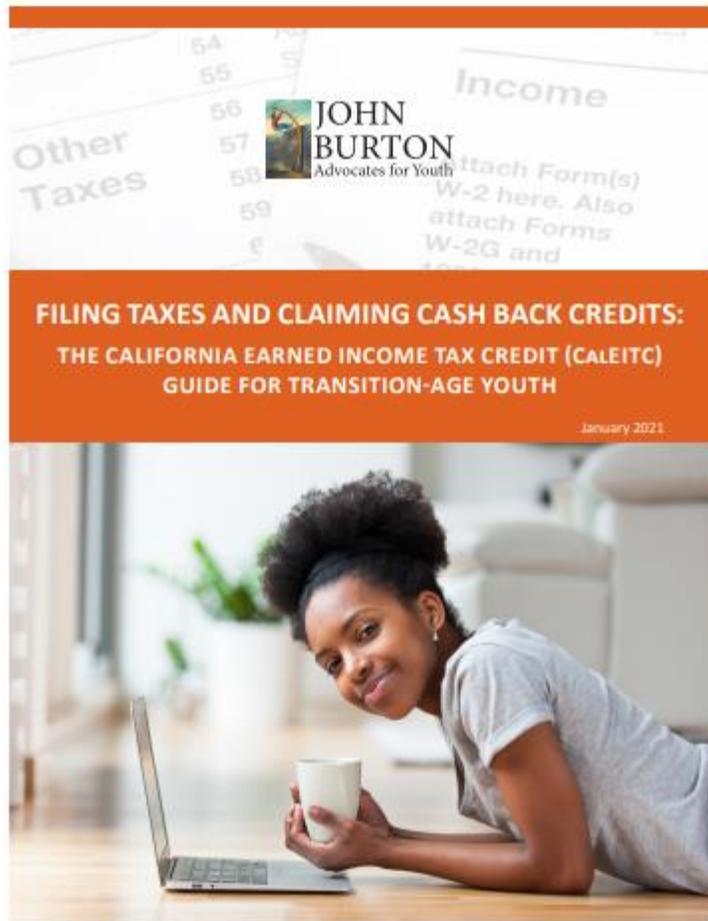
All County Information Notice 2019:

https://www.cdss.ca.gov/Portals/9/Additional-Resources/Letters-and-Notices/ACINs/2019/I-68_19.pdf?ver=2019-11-26-170036-633

All County Information Notice 2020:

https://www.cdss.ca.gov/Portals/9/Additional-Resources/Letters-and-Notices/ACINs/2020/I-71_20.pdf

2: Review and Share JBAY's CalEITC Guide



Print out JBAY's EITC publication:

<https://www.jbaforyouth.org/cal-eitc-guide/>

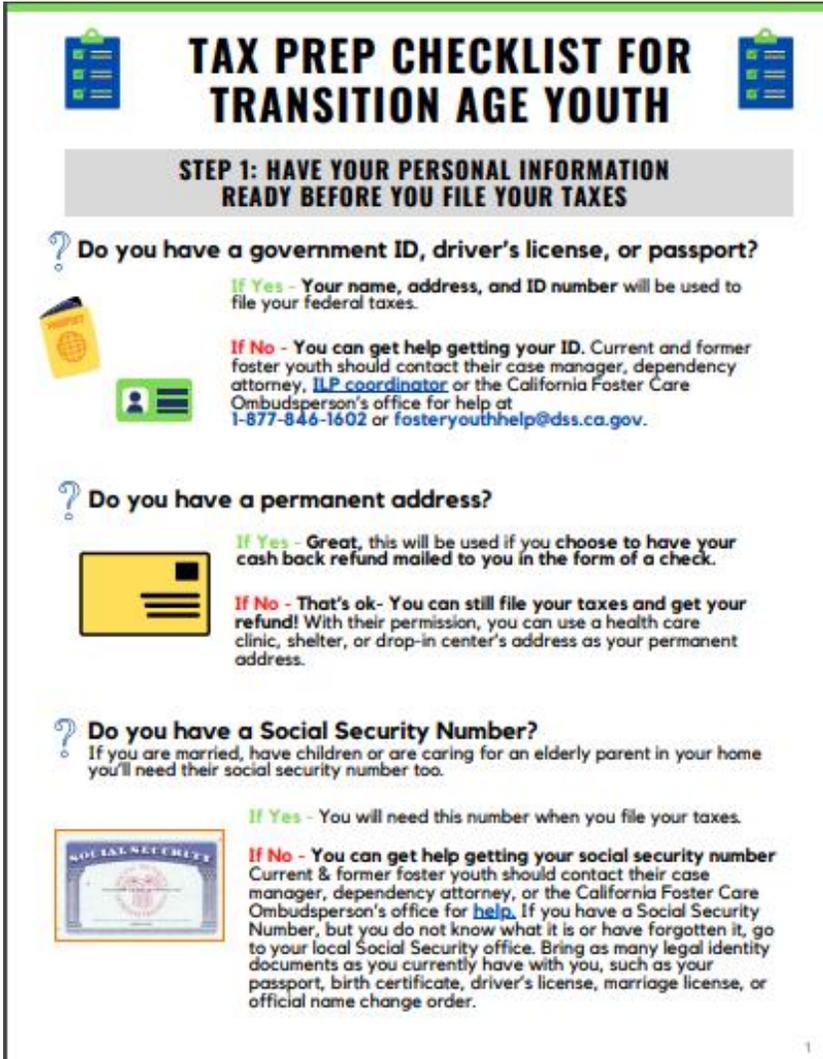
- Targets TAY and supporters as an audience
- Contents:
 - Step 1: Learn about the CalEITC
 - Step 2: Do I need to file taxes?
 - Step 3: Prepare to file your taxes
 - Step 4: File your taxes
 - Step 5: Get your tax refund
 - Glossary & Appendix

3: Share informational materials about the CalEITC and taxes with TAY and parents



- Follow the HUB on [twitter](#), [instagram](#) and [facebook](#)
- JBAY's websites on CalEITC and download the [social media toolkits](#), [posters](#), and [brochures](#) you can use for outreach
- Visit the California Franchise Tax Board's website for CalEITC brochures, posters, and information at ftb.ca.gov and CalEITC4Me.org resources page.
- Visit Golden State Opportunity's [website](#).

4: Help TAY Prepare to File with a Checklist



TAX PREP CHECKLIST FOR TRANSITION AGE YOUTH

STEP 1: HAVE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION READY BEFORE YOU FILE YOUR TAXES

? **Do you have a government ID, driver's license, or passport?**
If Yes - Your name, address, and ID number will be used to file your federal taxes.
If No - You can get help getting your ID. Current and former foster youth should contact their case manager, dependency attorney, [ILP coordinator](#) or the California Foster Care Ombudsperson's office for help at 1-877-846-1602 or fosteryouthhelp@dss.ca.gov.

? **Do you have a permanent address?**
If Yes - Great, this will be used if you choose to have your cash back refund mailed to you in the form of a check.
If No - That's ok - You can still file your taxes and get your refund! With their permission, you can use a health care clinic, shelter, or drop-in center's address as your permanent address.

? **Do you have a Social Security Number?**
If you are married, have children or are caring for an elderly parent in your home you'll need their social security number too.
If Yes - You will need this number when you file your taxes.
If No - You can get help getting your social security number. Current & former foster youth should contact their case manager, dependency attorney, or the California Foster Care Ombudsperson's office for [help](#). If you have a Social Security Number, but you do not know what it is or have forgotten it, go to your local Social Security office. Bring as many legal identity documents as you currently have with you, such as your passport, birth certificate, driver's license, marriage license, or official name change order.

Tax Preparation Checklist

<https://www.jbaforyouth.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/TAY-tax-prep-checklist-.pdf>

Commit to supporting Californians with filing taxes

- Encourage them to file
- Help them receive free reliable information, support, and materials from JBAY and other partners throughout the tax season

5: Dedicate time between February and April OR MAY



Original Tax Season - **February 12th - April 15th**

The IRS extended the deadline to **May 17th**

If you request an extension you can file as late as **October 15, 2021.**

If they do not owe taxes but missed the deadline they can still file to get their refund!

Outreach to Youth and Help Them Overcome Barriers to Free Tax Help and Filing

6: Direct TAY to free tax prep services

VITA Locator Tool

<https://irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/>



[Program Info](#)

Get Free Tax Prep Help

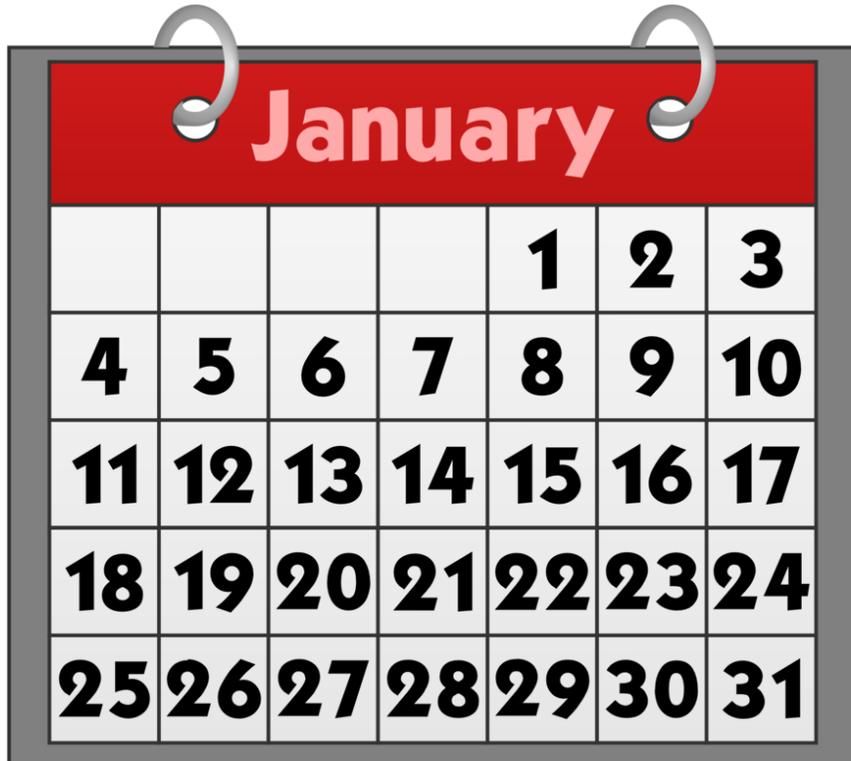
The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs offer free tax help for taxpayers who qualify. Find a provider near:

within miles

One result found

Provider	Distance	Dates	Hours	Languages	Appointment
San Antonio CDC 2228 East 15th Street 2nd Floor Oakland, CA 94606 510-536-5179 Volunteer Prepared Taxes Get Directions and Service Details	9.0 MI	14 FEB 2018 - 14 DEC 2018		English Spanish Cantonese Mandarin Sign Language	Required

8: Help TAY file for previous year's and save important tax documents



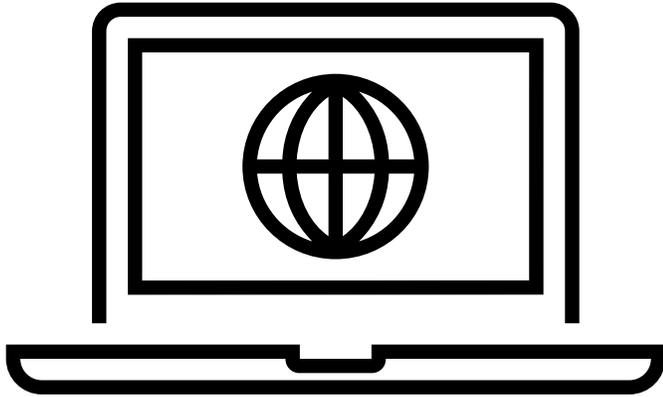
TAY can **file previous year's taxes** up to three prior tax years.

They will need to gather their **tax information from those prior years** and can use the same checklist to prepare.

How to **organize** tax documents:

<https://www.taxslayer.com/blog/how-to-organize-your-tax-documents-for-the-new-year/>

9: Help foster youth connect with a volunteer tax preparer through a central link with Foster Club



To learn the tax process and maximize refunds it is best for young adults to have trusted FREE support the first times they file.

Current and Former Foster Youth needing assistance with current or prior year taxes can sign up here:

<https://www.getyourrefund.org/en>

Question & Answer Session

Learn more and watch our full webinar here:

<https://www.jbaforyouth.org/caleitc/>

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