



**vita** Volunteer  
Income Tax Assistance

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**Newark Now Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Provides Free Tax Services  
For New Jersey Workers**

*VITA Prepares to Serve Twice As Many Filers*

**NEWARK, NJ Dec. 11, 2007** – Newark Now Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will kick-off the 2008 tax season with a press conference on Wednesday, January 9, 2008, at 12:30pm at Newark City Hall. VITA's free income tax preparation services are available to any New Jersey resident earning less than \$40,000. "New Jersey's new EITC rules make more people eligible. I expect that more volunteer tax preparers are needed. New Now VITA is taking tax prep appointments now and recruiting volunteers to receive IRS certified training to prepare basic income tax returns," adds Anthony Santiago, VP of Asset Development, Newark Now. To make a tax prep appointment or volunteer with Newark Now VITA, please contact Anthony Santiago, 973-733-3460 or email [taxes@newarknow.org](mailto:taxes@newarknow.org).

**About New Jersey's EITC program**

EITC leads the nation's effective poverty-fighting programs because the credit is refundable and specifically targets moderate and low-income earners.

- New Jersey's EITC income threshold is \$39,783, up from \$20,000
- VITA free tax preparation is available to NJ residents earning \$40,000 or less
- EITC is available to individuals having no children
- EITC pays out 20% of the federal benefit

**About Newark Now Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)**

VITA is a program administered by Newark Now's Families Regaining Economic Empowerment Initiative (FREE). Newark Now VITA exists to encourage people in urban areas to take advantage of the earned income-tax credit. VITA partners include Newark Asset Building Coalition, IRS, County of Essex, the City of Newark. Currently Newark Now VITA operates (3) three locations in Newark and has plans to open 4 more. For more information visit [www.newarknow.org](http://www.newarknow.org) or call 973-733-3460.

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