

What is VITA?

**VOLUNTEER
INCOME
TAX
ASSISTANCE**



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STARTING A VITA PROGRAM IN YOUR COMMUNITY

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is an IRS or partner sponsored program that trains volunteers to prepare basic tax returns assisting low to moderate-income families with their tax returns **free** of charge



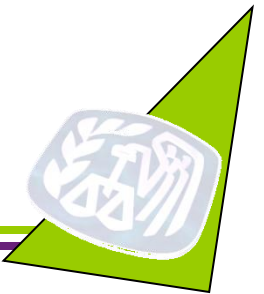
WHO CAN BENEFIT FROM VITA

Taxpayers (working individuals and/or families) who earn incomes less than **\$49,000 are eligible to receive free tax preparation assistance through VITA.**



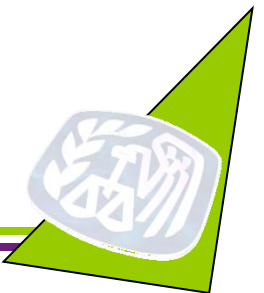
OTHER BENEFITS THROUGH VITA

Taxpayers eligible to participate in the VITA program may also qualify for the Earned Income Tax and Child Tax credits.



**CREDITS CAN GENERATE UP TO
THOUSANDS OF ADDITIONAL \$\$\$**

**These credits can put an
additional amount up to
\$5,000.00 into the hands of
qualifying families.**



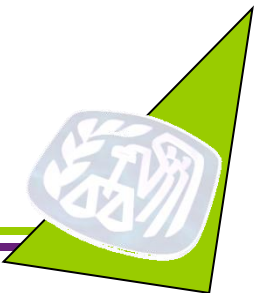
How does VITA Work?

- Filing is Free, Easy, and Fast.
- VITA will prepare your taxes in a friendly and professional manner.
- VITA also prepares your taxes electronically.
- With VITA you can get your refund within 7 to 10 days using direct deposit.



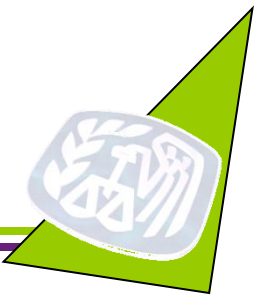
SITE LOCATION

- **Libraries**
- **Malls**
- **Recreation Centers**
- **Community Centers**
- **Schools/Colleges**



COMPUTER RESOURCES

- **Computer Labs**
- **Printers**
- **Tax Software**
- **Internet Connection-DSL/High Speed**



SUPPORT FROM LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

- **Atlanta Prosperity Campaign (Atlanta)**
 - **Chatham Savannah Asset Development Coalition (**
 - **Chattahoochee Valley VITA Coalition (Columbus)**
 - **Greater Athens Economic Development Coalition**
 - **Macon EITC Coalition (Macon)**
 - **Southeast-Coastal Georgia EITC Coalition**
 - **The Children's Initiative (Waycross)**
 - **South Central Georgia Asset Building Coalition**
 - **Faith Based Organizations**
 - **United Way**
 - **Georgia Statewide Coalition**
 - **HandsOnSeGeorgia(Statesboro)**
 - **Georgia Community Action Agencies**
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TRAINING

Classroom Certification

- **2 Day Class**
 - **3 Day Class**
 - **4 Day Class**
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Computer Certification via Link and Learn Access

- All training includes tax law, software, and Quality training
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PUBLICITY

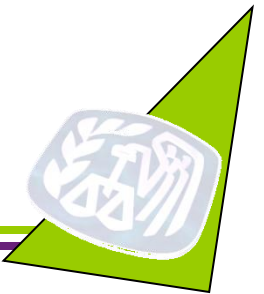
- **Local Media**
- **Newsletters**
- **Employers**
- **Flyers**
- **Word of Mouth**

There is assistance available for PSAs, etc



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- **IRS - SPEC**
- **Tax Consultant Assigned to your County.**
- **Free Field Guide to Starting a Volunteer Tax Prep Site.**
- http://www.eitc-carolinas.org/upload/file/getting_started.pdf



RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS

- **VOLUNTEERS ARE THE LIFEBLOOD OF THE VITA PROGRAM**
- **THEY PLAY MANY ROLES AS FOLLOWS:**



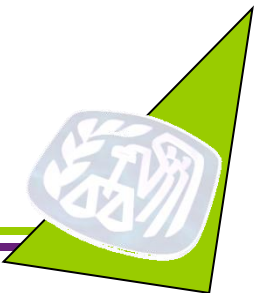
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- **INTAKE SPECIALIST**
- **TAX PREPARER**
- **CLIENT GREETER**
- **COMPUTER SPECIALIST**
- **INTERPRETER**
- **SITE MANAGER**
- **QUALITY REVIEWER**



What's Going On In The State of Georgia

- **300 VITA/TCE Sites in Georgia**
- **VITA/TCE Sites in 76 Counties**
- **1389 VITA Volunteers**
- **120 VITA Site Coordinators**



Your Local Atlanta Territory Contacts

- **Zone 1 Atlanta & Rome**
Yolanda Weaver / Kimberly Lovett
 - **Zone 2 Augusta & Athens**
Remonia Brown / Marian Lee
 - **Zone 3 Macon, Valdosta & AARP**
Lucy Atkins / Ariana Sanders
 - **Zone 4 Columbus & Albany**
Joanne Butler / Yvonne Davis
 - **Zone 5 Savannah**
Kenneth Brown / Latisa Steele
Puerto Rico
Yanira Morales
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