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**United Way's 2-1-1 Connects Taxpayers with
Free Income Tax Preparation**

2-1-1 has information on over 200 sites throughout Connecticut that provide eligible taxpayers with free income tax preparation assistance. So far in 2008, 2-1-1 has received over 2,600 requests for information on tax preparation assistance. 2-1-1 call specialists refer callers to VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) sites, Connecticut Tax-Aide Income Tax Assistance sites, and IRS offices. Callers receive information on whether they qualify for free income tax preparation assistance and where to go to get help. They also receive information on what they need to bring to the site.

Callers are reminded of the tax credit information for which they may qualify, namely, the Earned Income Tax Credit, the Child Tax Credit and the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credits.

Eligible filers may qualify for:

- Up to \$4,716 from the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit
- Up to \$1,000 per child from the Federal Child Tax Credit
- Up to \$2,100 from the Federal Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit

2-1-1 provides information on:

- Over 80 VITA sites that offer assistance through April 15.
- Over 100 Connecticut Tax-Aide Income Tax Assistance sites that also provide assistance, mainly to older filers, through April 15.
- All of the IRS offices in Connecticut.

For information on the location, dates, and hours of free tax preparation sites, filers can DIAL 2-1-1 or visit www.ctunitedway.org/taxes.

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For more information or to request 2-1-1 call data for a specific town or area, please contact Malia Sieve at the number listed above.