

## Children

Children's Advocacy Center  
Community Action Council  
First Step Pregnancy & Family  
Support of Catholic Charities  
Help Me Grow  
WIC (Women, Infants and Children)

## Clothing

County Clothing Center

## Emergency Services

American Red Cross  
Freedom House  
M. Miller Community House  
Safer Futures  
Townhall II

## Food

Catholic Charities of Po. Co.  
Center of Hope  
Change Hunger  
Kent Social Services  
The Salvation Army

## Health Clinics

Portage County Community  
Health Center  
Townhall II

## Legal

Community Legal Aid Services, Inc.

## Rent/Housing

Fair Housing Contact Service  
HESS (Housing & Emergency Support  
Services)  
PMHA (Portage Metropolitan Housing  
Authority)

## Transportation

PARTA (Portage Area Regional  
Transportation Authority)

## Utilities

Catholic Charities of Po. Co.  
Community Action Council  
The Salvation Army

## Veterans' Services

Veterans' Service Commission Office,  
P. C.

## Other Services

Residential Resources for the  
Developmentally Challenged  
Medication Access Program/OSHIIP  
United Way 211 Portage



## Need Help Completing Your Tax Return?

Free income tax assistance is available for Portage County residents, through the Tax-Aide Counseling program of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). Volunteer Counselors are stationed at various locations throughout the county from February through the second week of April. This service, which prepares tax returns and answers tax questions, is available to people of all ages with low and middle incomes, with special attention to those age 60 and older.

The AARP Tax-Aide program is a non-profit program and has operated since 1968 under a cooperative agreement with the IRS. To schedule an appointment, call United Way 211 Portage at 211, 330.297.4636, or 1.800.961.0191 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## Earned Income Tax Credit Available for Families & Individuals

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a special tax benefit for people who worked full or part-time in 2009. If you qualify, you'll owe less in taxes and you may get cash back. Even if you don't owe income tax, you may be able to get the credit. But, to get this credit, you must file a federal tax return.

For **families with children**, the Earned Income Tax Credit could be worth up to:

- **\$3,043** for families with one qualifying child; and
- **\$5,028** for families with two qualifying children
- **\$5,657** for families with three or more qualifying children

To qualify, a family with one child may earn up to \$35,463 (\$40,463 married filing jointly), families with two children may earn up to \$40,295 (\$45,295 married filing jointly), and families with three or more children may earn up to \$43,279 (\$48,279 married filing jointly).

The EITC credit does not generally count as income when eligibility for benefit levels and re determined for Medicaid, Food Stamps, SSI, or federal housing assistance.

For **Individuals who do not have children**, the Earned Income Tax Credit could be worth up to:

- **\$457** for those with no qualifying children.

To qualify, individual (s) must be between the ages of 25 and 64 and may earn up to \$13,440 (\$18,440 married filing jointly) with no qualifying children.

## The Child Tax Credit Available for Families Raising Children

Many families with children that have taxable earned income may qualify for the Child Tax Credit and receive up to \$1,000 for each dependent child under the age of 17 at the end of 2009. Eligibility rules are different from the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) rules, but many workers can receive both tax credits. The Child Tax Credit refund does not count as income for any federal funded benefit program.

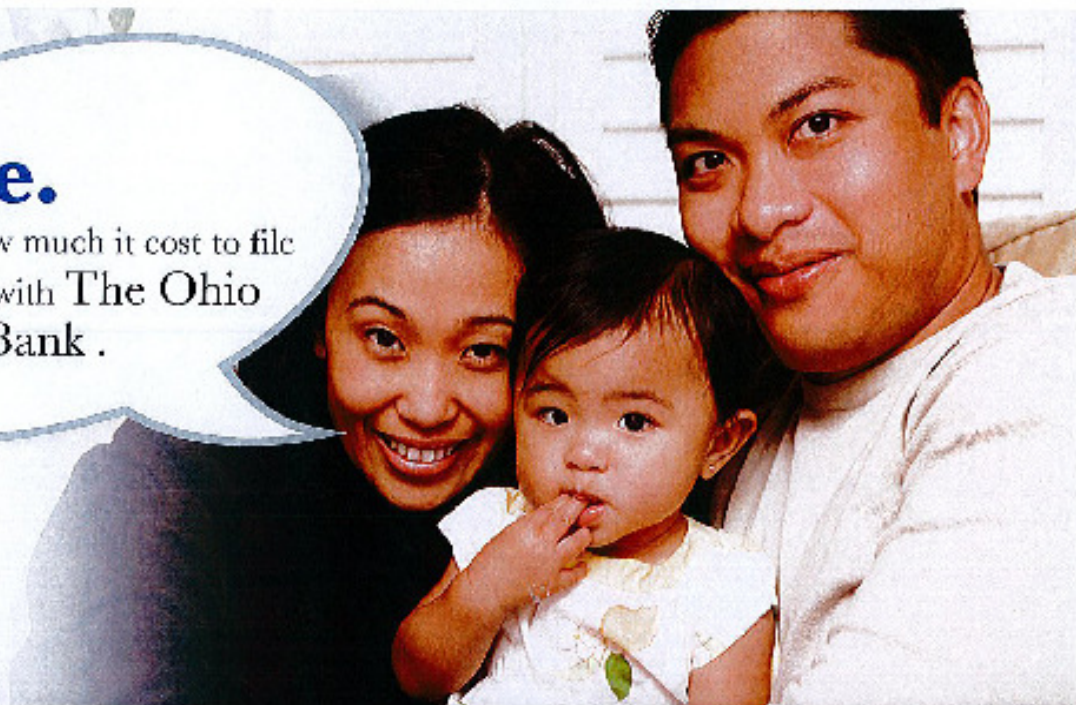


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# WE FILE YOUR TAXES

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## WHAT DO YOU NEED TO FILE YOUR TAXES?

- Social Security Numbers (or ITIN's) for you & your dependents
- W2's, 1099's, 1098's
- Info about other income (ex: interest income)
- Deduction and credit info (ex: child care expenses, tuition bills, union dues)
- A copy of last year's tax return (if you have it)

Don't be fooled by paid tax services that offer "instant refunds!" Many paid tax services use high-interest short-term loans called Refund Anticipation Loans (RALs) that charge as much as 700 percent interest!

Use the Ohio Benefit Bank, and e-file your taxes for refunds in as few as 7 days!

Tax Clinics will be held at the  
**Portage County Workforce Connection**  
1081 West Main Street  
Ravenna, Oh 44266

<b>Saturday, February 20</b>	<b>9:30am to 3:30pm</b>
<b>Saturday, February 27</b>	<b>9:30am to 3:30pm</b>
<b>Saturday, March 13</b>	<b>9:30am to 3:30pm</b>
<b>Saturday, March 27</b>	<b>9:30am to 3:30pm</b>

Households with income under \$57,000

**Clients will be seen by appointment only.**

For an appointment, call Judy C. at  
**(330)-297-1456 ext. 225**

For additional dates and times for other OBB tax clinics in Portage or other counties, call 1-800-848-1176



Community Action Council in partnership with Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks,  
Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank and Portage County