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Special Notice

Hanover Social Services Begins Free Tax Preparation Assistance

Starting this Wednesday, free tax preparation assistance and e-filing will be available to eligible taxpayers at the Hanover Department of Social Services office every Wednesday evening. This service will run through April 11th. Assistance is available to individuals and families with a household income of less than \$50,000 and is offered on a first come, first serve basis from 5-7 p.m. The Hanover Social Services office is located in the Hanover Human Services Center near the intersection of U.S. Rt. 1 and New Ashcake Road in Ashland.

Persons seeking preparation assistance must bring all W-2 and 1099 forms, photo identification for each adult, original Social Security cards for all persons claimed on the return and any other income and/or documented deductions that are needed to file the tax return. If married and filing jointly, both husband and wife must be present.

The public is reminded that they may qualify for Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), this is a federal income tax credit for working families and individuals with incomes less than \$50,000 last year. Even if individuals/families haven't filed in previous years they may still be eligible for the EITC credit if they file now. Those who qualify for the EITC could be eligible for a refund of as much as \$5,751 on their federal income taxes depending on the number of dependent children.

Returns that cannot be prepared due to their nature or complexity will be referred to partner sites that specialize in more difficult returns. Hanover Social Services offers free tax preparation assistance as part of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) coalition serving the Greater Richmond Region, MetroCASH. In collaboration with over 20 community partners and United Way, MetroCASH helps people learn more about tax credits, such as EITC, which can improve their financial situations.

To determine qualifications for EITC and the potential amount of the refund based upon specific criteria, visit www.irs.gov/eitc or call 1-800-TAX-1040.

For more information, call the Hanover Department of Social Services at (804) 365-4109.