

# NCTC Federal Advocacy

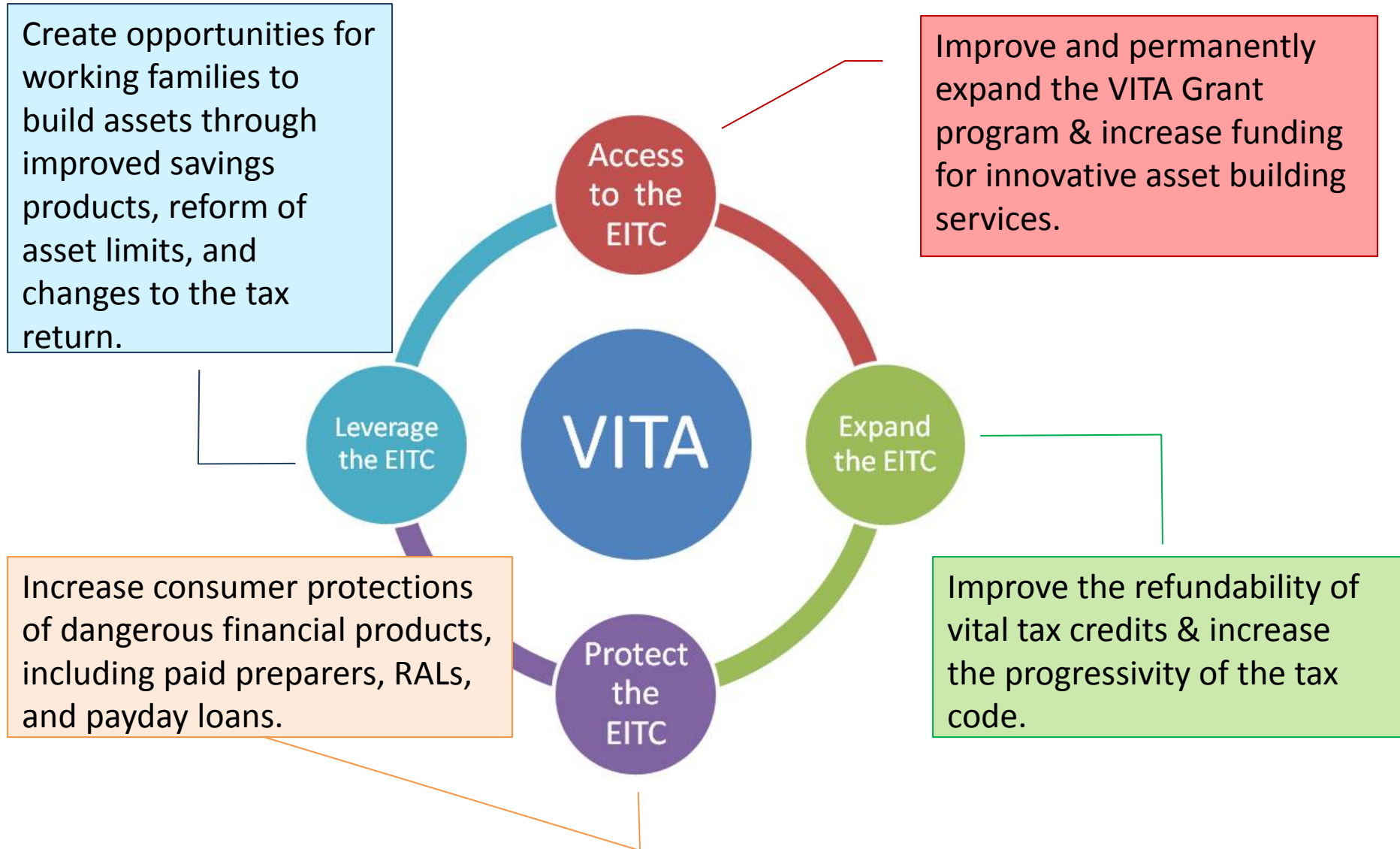
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# Federal Policy Agenda



# Fall Campaigns



1. Authorize the VITA Grant Program
2. Permanently Expand the EITC & Child Tax Credit
3. Regulation of Paid Preparers



## GOALS:

1. Pass increased FY2011 funding for the VITA Grant Program
  - Update: Senate Appropriations passed an increase to \$14 million for FY11. The House Appropriations Committee has yet to vote.
2. Authorize the federal grant program
  - Update: The 2010 VITA Act is expected to be introduced in September or October. It would authorize the program at \$35 million.



The 2009 Recovery Act included reforms to the:

1. **Earned Income Tax Credit:** expanded for families with 3 or more children and reduced the marriage penalty
2. **Child Tax Credit:** expanded the refundable portion of the tax credit and reduced the threshold to \$3000
3. **American Opportunity Tax Credit:** Replaced the existing HOPE education credit with a \$2500 credit that is refundable up to \$1000 and covers required course materials in addition to tuition, making college more affordable.

These credits will expire at the end of the year if Congress does not act.



## How Have These Credits Helped Working Families?

**The EITC:** This change brought an estimated \$4.7 billion to hard-working families. It benefits 3 million filers and 10 million children.

**The CTC:** Compared to tax year 2008, 2.9 million more children in very low-income families are able to access the refundable portion of the CTC.

**The American Opportunity Tax Credit:** This education credit makes college more accessible to 3.8 million low- and moderate-income prospective college students.



## What Will Happen if Congress Does NOT Act?

A single mother with two children working full-time at minimum wage (\$14,500), received a child tax credit of \$1,750. If the credit is reset to the 2001 levels, the mother would only receive \$270.



## Our Ask

Congress must permanently extend the Recovery Act expansion of the EITC, Child Tax Credit, and American Opportunity Credit.



## **Victories in 2010:**

- Regulation of Paid Preparers
- Eliminating Access to the Debt Indicator
- Passage of the Wall Street Reform & Consumer Protection Bill.



# Make Your Voice Heard!

EITC & CTC Expansions Mean!

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a ray of HOPE!

EITC & CTC Expansions Mean  
MORE MONEY IN  
LOW INCOME FAMILIES  
HOUSE HOLDS!!!

EITC & CTC Expansions Mean  
Helping others  
Help themselves

EITC & CTC Expansions Mean  
Stronger, Happier,  
HEALTHIER FAMILIES  
+ COMMUNITIES

EITC & CTC Expansions Mean  
stability for  
working families

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Strategies for  
struggling families &  
help to local  
economy

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STABLE  
DEMOCRACY

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MORE MONEY IN  
LOW INCOME FAMILIES  
HOUSE HOLDS!!!

EITC & CTC Expansions Mean  
Paying off my  
School Credit Card  
Debt!

EITC & CTC Expansions Mean  
GIVING \$ BACK  
TO WORKING  
PEOPLE

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A JUMP START

EITC & CTC Expansions Mean  
Improving the  
Quality of  
Life in my  
Community!

EITC & CTC Expansions Mean  
PROVIDING  
STRENGTH!!!! TO  
FAMILIES ONE DOLLAR  
AT A TIME

EITC & CTC Expansions Mean  
Lift more  
people out of  
POVERTY.

EITC & CTC Expansions Mean  
Opportunity


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I can pay  
for college

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Save for my  
Kids education

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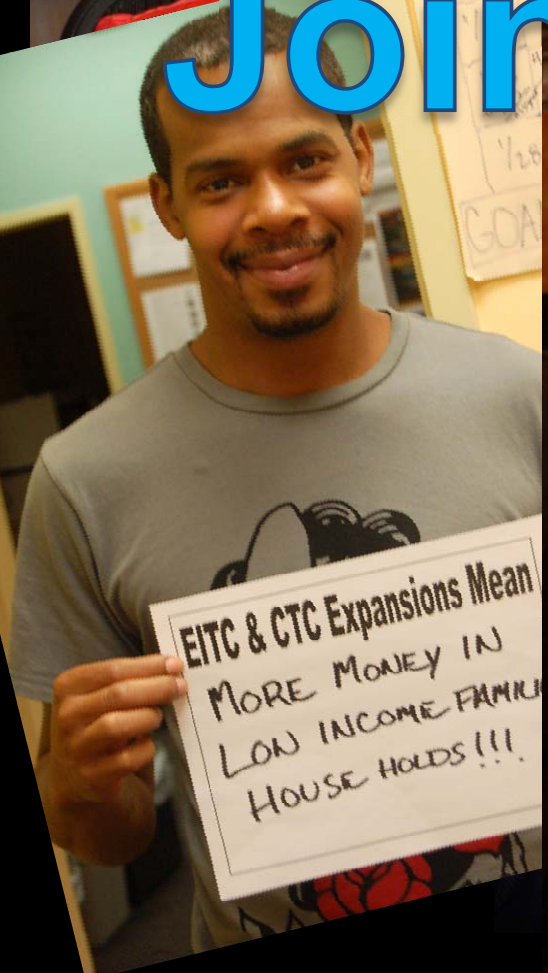
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**EITC & CTC Expansions Mean**  
A Brighter future  
for children!  




# Join the Rally!



# How YOU Can Engage

## NCTC's Federal Policy Work



- ★ State Advocacy Leaders Network
- ★ Advocacy Working Group
- ★ Sign-up for Communication
- ★ Participate in a Campaign
- ★ Contribute to our Blog



## Questions

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