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Dear Child Care Provider,

Many Colorado families count on their tax refunds to help make ends meet. The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a refundable tax credit from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that helps boost the incomes of low-wage, working families. It is also considered one of the nation's most effective anti-poverty tools.

Unfortunately, nearly 20 percent of qualifying families in Colorado miss out on EITC refunds each year, mostly because they don't know about it or don't know how to claim it. We can change that.

Families who earned \$54,000 or less in 2016 qualify for free tax preparation services designed to help them access the EITC and get the best refund possible.

Enclosed are a flier and poster that you can share to help ensure your employees and the families you serve know about the EITC and free tax preparation services. We're happy to provide you with printed copies of these materials in **any quantity** you need at no cost.

Here are a few suggestions for how to share these materials:

- ✓ Hang the poster in high-traffic areas where people are likely to see it.
- ✓ Place fliers in a lobby or reception area.
- ✓ Distribute fliers directly to families and employees.
- ✓ Include information on your website, social media or in your newsletter.

If you would like to order these free materials, please contact Brooke Visser, EITC Campaign Associate at 303-454-3735 or bvisser@garycommunity.org. Electronic materials and sample content also are available for download at www.piton.org/our-outreach-campaign.

Thank you for your continued partnership. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, or need additional materials.

Warmly,

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