

# VITA

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

Free Tax Help - Middletown

***Dial 2-1-1 for an appointment  
in Middletown!***

Free income tax assistance by IRS trained and certified volunteers is available at two Middletown Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites for households with incomes under \$55,000. You can save more than \$100 in tax preparation services alone.

**United Way 2-1-1 will schedule an appointment for you. Simply dial 2-1-1 on your phone. Appointments will be scheduled for January 23 through April 12, 2017, evenings, Wednesdays and Saturdays.**

Volunteers will ensure that you are filing for all of the tax credits for which you are eligible, including the state and federal Earned Income Tax Credits.

**There are two downtown Middletown VITA locations:**

- Middlesex United Way, 100 Riverview Center Suite 230
- NEAT, 654 Main Street

***Please see the other side for important information about what you need to bring with you to your appointment.***



VITA is getting more money back into the hands of hard working people.

In 2016, Middletown VITA sites helped more than 600 Middlesex County area residents file their taxes, returning \$990,000 in tax refunds back to the Middletown area. Those who qualified for refunds had an average income of just over \$20,000 last year, and received an average federal refund of \$1,615. Of those served, there were an additional 168 dependents, mostly children affected by this program.

**Make your appointment for free tax preparation services by dialing 2-1-1!**

*VITA is a free program offered by the federal government. Local Middletown sites are coordinated by the Middlesex VITA Coalition, a partnership of Middlesex United Way and the North End Action Team (NEAT), and made possible by volunteers.*

*The Middlesex VITA Coalition receives support from the Connecticut Association of Human Services (CAHS).*



## What you need to bring with you to your appointment:

- If you're filing "Married Filing Jointly" both spouses must be present to e-file the return
- Valid picture ID for yourself and your spouse
- Social Security cards or Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITIN) for you, your spouse and any dependents living with you born before January 1, 2017
- Birth dates for you, your spouse and dependents
- FOR DIRECT DEPOSIT: Have your refund deposited directly to your checking or savings account. Bring a check or bank statement with your bank name, account number, and routing number. Contact your bank if you do not have the routing number.

### Tax Documents:

- **Your copy of last year's Federal and State income tax returns, if available**
- Income Statements from employers, Unemployment, Social Security or pensions (including forms W-2, 1099-Misc, and 1099-R).
- Interest and dividends statements from banks for other financial institutions (Forms 1099-INT or 1099-DIV)
- Educational expense documentation and student loan payment statements
- Child care expense information, including total paid for each child, day care provider's address and tax identification number
- Property taxes paid, including automobile taxes
- Evidence of health care coverage in 2016 (form 1095-A, B or C)

**Quickly get your refund — in 7 to 21 days — through DIRECT DEPOSIT to your bank account!**

You could qualify for the federal and state Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credits.

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