

Helping the Working Poor Climb Out of Poverty

10 ways to get involved in Family Economic Security

1. Join the [EITC Funders Network](#) - Contact Ami Nagle (Eitcfunders@aol.com) or the [Asset Funders Network](#) - Contact Rick Williams (rick@assetfunders.org).
2. Search the [National Community Tax Coalition's map](#) or call your State Department of Human Resources find out who is providing free tax preparation in your area, and then meet with them to learn more.
3. Contact CFED (www.CFED.org) for up-to-date information on Individual Development Account (IDA) programs across the country, and then meet with them to learn more.
4. Look into ways to support the development of financial education programs in your community; e.g. support curriculum development for youth organizations, talk to area employers about providing financial education programs to their employees.
5. Find out what other funders in your community are funding this - contact your [regional association of grantmakers](#) or the [Family Funders Network](#).
6. Consider supporting initiatives to promote access to mainstream financial institutions, reducing the use of expensive payday loan and check cashing services.
7. Contact John Wancheck (wancheck@cbpp.org), the Coordinator of the Earned Income Tax Credit Outreach Campaign at the [Center for Budget and Policy Priorities](#) and ask if there is a coalition working in your area, then meet with them to learn more.
8. Talk to a funder working in this field: Ask them how they got into it, what they are funding, and what they have learned. Go along with them on a site visit. See if there is an opportunity to partner with them on a grant.
9. Make a grant, or two, or more. A small grant can fund some business planning for entrepreneurs, an EITC outreach campaign, or even a piece of a bigger campaign.
10. Do an on-line search of key terms - see what comes up, read websites that interest you, see who is doing what, and how wide-spread it is.

Websites of National Resources

A few of the many resources on this topic

AnewAmerica Community Corporation www.anewamerica.org
Center for Budget and Policy Priorities www.cbpp.org
Center for Financial Service Innovation www.cfsinnovation.com
Center for Responsible Lending www.responsiblelending.org
CFED www.cfed.org
EARN www.sfearn.org
National Community Tax Coalition www.tax-coalition.org
National Endowment for Financial Education www.nefe.org