



Free tax preparation assistance available

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Volunteer Sandra Marvin of Adrian prepares the taxes of Sandra Wright of Clinton on Feb. 16, 2011, at the Community Action Agency of Lenawee County.

Community Action Agency will provide free help preparing federal, state and city tax returns for residents of Lenawee, Hillsdale and Jackson counties whose household incomes are \$50,000 or less. Volunteers who are certified by the Internal Revenue Service will provide the assistance and help ensure the maximum return goes to taxpayers, a news release from Community Action Agency says.

Anyone receiving Social Security, Supplemental Security Income or veteran's benefits, or anyone needing special assistance is especially encouraged to use the service. The assistance includes filing for the earned income tax credit, child tax credit, home heating credit and homestead property tax credit. As part of the service, all tax forms are prepared and filed electronically.

Appointments begin Jan. 30. Day, evening and weekend appointments are available at a variety of sites in the three counties. To schedule an appointment, call one of the following numbers between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

— Lenawee County: 263-7861 or 800-438-1845.

— Hillsdale County: 517-437-3346 or 800-750-9300

— Jackson County: 517-784-4800 or 800-491-0004.

Tax filers can also call the health and human services number, 211, to arrange an appointment. When someone calls for an appointment, a worker will review with them the documents they need to bring to the appointment. This year's filing deadline for federal and state taxes is April 17. Community Action Agency's income tax program is available year-round. In 2011, the program assisted 5,882 households in the three counties, the news release said. Community Action Agency will provide free help preparing federal, state and city tax returns for residents of Lenawee, Hillsdale and Jackson counties whose household incomes are \$50,000 or less.

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