## **EITC Works!**

Lifting Working Families, Boosting Local Economies

EITC Profile: Illinois House District 79

In 2012, the state EITC put

\$2,080,857

back in the pockets of working families in District 79

benefiting 11,541 children.

## Children of EITC recipients have

Better birth outcomes

Outcomes

Higher Educational Attainment More Earnings as Adults



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8,810

**Households receive state EITC** 

**Local Impact** 

Current (10% of federal EITC)

With Expansion (20% of federal EITC)

Average boost to working families' incomes

\$ 307

\$ 614

Annual boost to local economy

\$ 3.2 M

\$ 6.4 M

## **Why EITC Works**

- The EITC lets low- and moderate-income working families keep more of their earnings to help pay for things that help them keep working, such as child care and transportation.
- The EITC reduces the number of children living in poverty and improves kids' chances of success as adults.
- By helping low-wage workers keep more of their incomes, the EITC increases consumer spending which then boosts local economies across the state.

