

By Angie Baca

Family Resource Center Welcomes Parents

The Family Resource Center (FRC) is a hidden little treasure located on our campus, along Oxnard Boulevard, next to the Child Development Department and the Child Development Center. The Family Resource Center provides family support services to families who live in the community as well as to Valley College students, faculty and staff.

The FRC assists families with children by going above and beyond to foster a positive and loving family environment for the children. In addition, the FRC promotes the field of Child Development by providing observation, hands-on experience, as well as educational and professional development opportunities for students at all levels interested in the field. Students selected to work at the FRC go through a rigorous background check to ensure the safety of all children and families.

Here are some exciting activities and services currently offered by the Family Resource Center:

Baby Clothes Exchange Program

Bring in used baby clothes, size newborn to size 3, that your baby may have outgrown and trade them for what you need in the bigger size. The only condition is that everything brought in must be clean and in good condition so that the next baby can wear it happily.

Parent and Child Lending Library

The FRC has tons of parenting resource books as well as children's books for parents to select from. They even have child development textbooks. Any of these books can be borrowed for 2 weeks by anyone who utilizes any of the other services in the FRC.

Parent and Baby/Toddler Play Groups at the Family Resource Center



All parents who register for the class: Parenting 20CE (Section #8700), a 1 unit class offered at Valley will be able to participate in this parent and baby play group. The group is only for parents and their children ages 0-3 and meets once a week to discuss topics such as bedtime routines, nutrition, discipline, and much more.

The Daddy & Me Play group does not require enrollment in a class and focuses on dads and their children ages birth to 3 years old.

The Creative Activities Program is designed for children ages 2 to 3 and their parent. This group emphasizes art, music, block building, and dramatic play, just what these little ones need before they start pre-school.

The Family Resource Center is a family that will welcome all CARE students with open arms....

All services offered at the Family Resource Center are free! For additional services and specific hours for the activities described in this newsletter, please call (818) 778-5612 and/or visit: <http://lavc-frc.tumblr.com> and http://www.lavc.edu/child_development/frc.html

Income Taxes Done For FREE!



Why pay to have your taxes done? The Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) can do your taxes for FREE! To qualify, you must meet both of the following requirements:

- Be currently receiving CalWORKS cash aid OR have received CalWORKS within the last 12 months OR be currently receiving Calfresh.
- Have earned income in 2011

Many students who meet the requirements above qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), which can give them extra money, up to \$5,751 in a refund! But you must file a tax return and claim the EITC to get your money. Call to make an appointment to get your taxes done at the Burbank location: 1-866-488-VITA (8482).

(See flyer on the back)

\$\$\$ INCOME TAXES DONE FOR FREE! \$\$\$



Why pay to have your taxes done? We'll do them for FREE!

Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) can do your taxes for free. To qualify, you must meet both of these requirements:

- ✓ Currently receiving CalWORKs (cash aid), OR received CalWORKs within the last 12 months; OR currently receiving CalFresh; and
- ✓ Have earned income in 2011.



You probably qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), which can put up to \$5,751 in your pocket. With the EITC you get more money from your refund than what you paid in. It is extra money for you, but you must file a tax return and claim the EITC to get your money.

Call to make an appointment starting January 17, 2012

1-866-488-VITA (8482)

DPSS INCOME TAX SERVICE LOCATIONS

West L.A.	San Fernando Valley	Palmdale	San Gabriel Valley	Pomona
Central L.A.	So. L.A./Long Beach Area	Boyle/Lincoln Hts. East L.A. Area	Burbank	Bell Area

Bring the following documents to your appointment:

1. Social Security card for you and all of your qualifying dependents.
2. Valid Picture I.D. (California I.D. or Drivers License preferred).
3. Copies of W-2, 1098, 1099 and any other verification of income received during 2011.
4. Copy of last year's tax return (2010), if available.
5. If you are Self-Employed: copies of 1099, itemized expenses, reimbursements, and mileage expenses.
6. If filing jointly, both spouses must be present at the appointment.
7. For direct deposit, bank routing and account numbers (Bank Statement or Voided Check) must be provided.

NOTE: No transportation or child care payments will be provided for this service. Anyone who is not receiving CalWORKs, or CalFresh, but would like information on free income tax preparation assistance (VITA Program) and the EITC in L.A. County should dial 211 or visit www.greaterlaeitc.org.