

# **MORE \$\$ IN YOUR PAYCHECK! /**

## **WHAT?**

- The Advance Earned Income Credit provides more money for working families;
- No need to wait for tax time – get a portion of your EIC in every paycheck!

## **AM I ELIGIBLE?**

- Expected income for 2009 below about \$34,000 (or \$37,000 if married);
- Qualifying child living with you during 2009;
- 'Qualifying children' include children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and foster children placed by an authorized agency.

## **HOW MUCH CAN I GET?**

- Up to about \$137 per month -- actual amount depends on earnings;
- You will only get part of your expected EIC in advance;
- You may get additional \$\$ from the EIC when you file federal taxes for 2009;
- You can get additional \$\$ from the Wisconsin EIC when you file Wisconsin taxes for 2009.

## **HOW DO I GET IT?**

- Submit form W-5 to your employer any time during the year;
- Form W-5 available from the IRS or from <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/econ>;
- Some employers can provide Form W-5.

## **WHEN CAN THE ADVANCE EIC CAUSE PROBLEMS?**

- If you get too much EIC during the year, you could owe money at tax time;
- Advance payment may not be right for you if you work more than 1 job, have more than 1 earner in the family, or expect your family income to increase during the year.

## **WHAT DOES MY EMPLOYER NEED TO KNOW?**

- Employers must provide the Advance EIC when a W-5 is filed;
- Employers are not liable if employees claim the Advance EIC in error;
- There is no cost to employers to provide the Advance EIC;
- More information for employers in IRS Employer's Tax Guide, Circular E.

For more information on tax credits for limited income families, see <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/econ>