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To qualify for the EITC, Tax Year Earned Income and Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) must meet certain criteria. For example, a married couple with two children with a household income \$49,974 or less can qualify.

## **VITA locations and contact information:**

### **Acadia Parish**

Assist Agency, 11 North Parkerson, Crowley, LA 70526, 337-788-7550, ext. 138

### **Iberia Parish**

Iberia Parish Library, 445 E. Main St., New Iberia, LA, 70560, 337-364-7024

SMILE/New Iberia, 722 Walton St., New Iberia, LA, 70560, 337-365-8151

### **Lafayette Parish**

Acadiana High School, 315 Rue de Belier, Lafayette, LA 70506, 337-984-2324

SMILE/Lafayette, 501 St. John St., Lafayette, LA 70501, 337-234-3272, ext. 219

Proyecto Hispano de Ayunda la Comunidad, 1006 Surrey St., Lafayette, LA 70501, 337-849-4145

### **St. Landry Parish**

Continuous Links, 8202 Highway 182, Opelousas, LA, 70570, 337-942-3911

The Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives, 1209 Diesi St., Opelousas, LA 70570, 337-943-2410

### **St. Martin Parish**

SMILE/St. Martin, 2097 Terrace Rd., St. Martinville, LA, 70582, 337-394-6013

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St. Mary CAA Central Office, 1407 Barrow St., Franklin LA 70538, 337-828-5703

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ASSIST Agency, 407 Charity St., Abbeville, LA 70510, 337-898-9554

In addition to the VITA sites, three Super Tax Days will be held at the following locations:

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