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Free summer tax prep is available through the CASH Program.

Rochester, NY- On June 7th, CASH’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will open for free summer tax preparation services. Monroe County residents who missed the chance to complete their 2019, 2020, or 2021 taxes can schedule an appointment with one of VITA’s IRS-certified volunteers. CASH is also looking for eligible families who have yet to claim the Advance Child Tax Credit. Most families are eligible for \$3,000-\$3,600 per child.

“The pandemic has made it difficult for many individuals to file their taxes on time, especially with changes to the Child Tax Credit and many other credits. CASH remains open to answer any tax questions you may have and we encourage community members to seek help from our professional tax preparers,” said CASH Director, Yversha Roman. “We know many in our community have not yet filed, our summer tax prep session is another opportunity to do so –for free.”

CASH (Creating Assets, Savings, and Hope) is a community coalition led by the Empire Justice Center. CASH offers free high-quality tax return preparation services that make tax filing easy to do and understand. In addition to providing year-round tax advice and preparation, CASH partners with over 40 organizations, to connect clients to community partners with resources that can improve their financial well-being. These services include savings programs, health care, financial literacy, public benefits, and job counseling.

VITA is accommodating clients by appointment only, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, June 7th - August 8th. To schedule an appointment, visit <https://cashtaxprep2021.as.me/SummerTaxPrep>. Visit the website at <https://empirejustice.org/cash/> for more information on available services and to learn how to volunteer with CASH.

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