

- I am Nicole McKinney and I am the Lead Community Outreach Specialist for Multnomah County Commission on Children, Families and Community.
- As the team lead for the Family Economic Security Project (also known as FES) and in conjunction with the bi-lingual outreach specialists, we have made contact with an estimated 2,000 consumers regarding free tax prep and EITC information. These consumers include families at Summer Food Program sites, Fix-it Fairs, neighborhood fairs and schools.
- My personal story began as an unemployed single mother attending a financial literary presentation at NE Workforce Center. I learned to utilize the benefits from the free tax prep and tax credits to stay ahead and above the poverty line.
- The experience inspired me to become an intern with the CCFC through Portland Community College. My internship enabled me to help other low-to moderate-income families and individuals learn of free tax prep and EITC to help them maximize their federal and state tax refunds.
- My current goal is to offer practical tips and strategies for successful savings and money management.