## A C.A.S.H. Opportunity

Do you intend on taking ACC 101, ACC 204, ECO 103 or SVL 101? If so, here is an exciting opportunity available to you. There are specific sections of the courses above where students will have an opportunity to choose a service project with the Creating Assets, Savings, and Hope (CASH) program in place of some traditional course requirements. This is strictly voluntary and you do not have to choose this option!



C.A.S.H. operates with the help of many community partners and hundreds of volunteers. These volunteers help working families do their taxes, open bank accounts, get health insurance, learn about credit repair and budgeting, etc. Depending on your course, you may have the opportunity to serve with this organization as a Tax Preparer or an Advisor. In doing so, you will provide a valuable and greatly needed service to your fellow workers and their families in this community. By working with individuals to correctly complete their taxes or provide financial information, you help bring back millions of dollars to local families that need every penny.

Look for course sections in BANNER that have an SV after the title or indicate service-learning hours under the title. These are the course sections offering this service project. Please contact Susan Bender at <a href="mailto:sbender@monroecc.edu">sbender@monroecc.edu</a> or at 262-1710 for more information or to obtain an application to the CASH program.

## CREATING ASSETS, SAVINGS, AND HOPE

## C.A.S.H. improves the financial well being of working families by:

- Offering free income tax preparation to help eligible families take advantage of the Earned Income Tax Credit
- Offering alternatives to predatory lending practices
- Maximizing financial assets through matched savings accounts, financial literacy, credit repair, and asset building strategies.

## C.A.S.H. needs you:

Advisors: Serves as the link between the C.A.S.H. clients and community services. The C.A.S.H. Advisor meets with the clients to determine their interest in financial programs and services and provides information about community resources that can help improve the client's economic self-sufficiency. Full training (4-6 hours) is provided and on-site support will be available for the first week.

<u>Tax Preparers</u> – **No Experience Necessary:** Prepares tax returns for C.A.S.H. clients eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) using the IRS Tax Wise software. Full training (12-16 hours) is provided and on-site support will be available. You'll be able to prepare your taxes as well as friends and family.



No experience necessary Training is provided Must be comfortable with computers