

Financial Literacy Programs for Native American Adults and Youth

In this day and age, it is important for everyone to have knowledge about how to responsibly manage money. Financial decisions made at a young age can have a deep impact on a person's future. Explore the following websites, games, videos, and news to learn about resources that are available to teach financial literacy.

Programs

Money Matters: Make It Count

<http://www.moneymattersmakeitcount.com>

The Boys & Girls Clubs of America and Charles Schwab Foundation created this financial literacy program designed specifically to help teens (ages 13 to 18) expand their knowledge of money management and learn the skills that lead to financial independence and well-being. The Money Matters: Make It Count program consists of five components: Teen Personal Finance Guide, Program Facilitator's Guide, Money Matters Web site, Schwab eEmployee Volunteer Program and the Money Matters Awards. Via the volunteer component, Schwab employees can pass financial expertise to Club teens through their volunteer involvement.

Websites

Native American Community Development Corporation

http://www.nacdc.org/financial_literacy.html

Native American Community Development Corporation's (NACDC) focus is on assisting Native communities in establishing the mechanisms to promote financial education with both adult and youth-oriented programs. The latter could include the establishment of a school-based program that utilizes a teaching curriculum which is tied into a bank-based savings program that engages children in the process of managing their finances at a young age.

In the Mix – Financial Literacy: On the Money!

http://www.pbs.org/inthemix/shows/show_money.html

This website, sponsored by PBS, offers strategies on how to keep a budget, information on credit cards and ideas on how to make more money just to name a few.

Jump\$tart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy www.jumpstart.org

Jump\$tart is a national coalition of organizations dedicated to improving the financial literacy of pre-kindergarten through college-age youth by providing advocacy, research, standards and educational resources. Jump\$tart strives to prepare youth for life-long successful financial decision-making.

Money Smart for Young Adults

<http://www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/moneysmart/young.html>

The FDIC's Money Smart for Young Adults curriculum helps youth, ages 12-20, learn the basics of handling their money and finances, including how to create positive

relationships with financial institutions. Equipping young people in their formative years with the basics of financial education can give them the knowledge, skills, and confidence they need to manage their finances once they enter the real world.

U.S. Mint's Financial Literacy Month

<http://www.usmint.gov/kids/campCoin/financialLiteracy.cfm>

April is time to celebrate Financial Literacy Month! During Financial Literacy Month, we spend some time thinking about what we do with our money all year and how we can reach our financial goals. Visit this website year round to learn how to manage money.

Junior Achievement of the National Capital Area <http://www.myja.org/>

Junior Achievement (JA) is the world's largest non-profit organization dedicated to educating students in grades K-12 about work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy through experiential, hands-on programs. JA's unique approach allows volunteers from the community to deliver the curriculum while sharing their experiences with students.

Native Financial Education Coalition <http://www.nfec.info/>

The Native Financial Education Coalition (NFEC) is a group of local, regional, and national organizations and government agencies that have joined together for one purpose: to promote financial education in Native communities. To achieve this goal, the Coalition's mission is to: increase awareness of the need for adequate personal finance skills in Native communities; build the capacity of Native governments and organizations to provide financial education; and support each other's efforts to promote financial management skills through information sharing and collaboration.

Games

Practical Money Skills for Life

<http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/games/>

The United States Mint

<http://www.usmint.gov/kids/games/>

Mad Money

http://pbskids.org/itsmylife/games/mad_money_flash.html

Change Maker

<http://www.funbrain.com/cashreg/>

Videos

The Value of Money – Using Credit Wisely

http://www.youtube.com/watch#!v=7aUIWYMLL_4

Four Things You Can Do With Money

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mIWRCLzJXzc>

Elders Perspective on Money

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WjXvXcBQg84>