

Pathfinder Community Connections to Host Financial Fitness Workshops Beginning February 2nd in Huntington

Pathfinder Community Connections, the Community Development division of Pathfinder Services, will be hosting a series of workshops focused on overall financial wellness with an emphasis on building and improving credit scores beginning February 2nd in Huntington. This workshop series has four different 2 ½ hour sessions intended for everybody in the community who would like to improve their financial situation. Workshops will take place at Pathfinder Community Connections located at 2824 Theater Avenue in Huntington. All courses will be instructed by staff from Purdue Extension, Consumer Credit Counseling Services and Pathfinder Community Connections.

Each workshop will take place from 6:00 P.M. until 8:30 P.M. on the dates listed below, and topics for each session include:

Thursday, February 2nd: Financial planning in easy steps by discussing: why financial planning is important, self assessment, how to set and achieve financial goals, improve financial management practices,

Thursday, February 9th: Wise use of credit! Receive your credit report for **FREE!** Discussing credit danger signs, how credit reporting works, achieving a healthier credit score, solving common credit reporting errors and problems, and how much credit is too much,

Thursday, February 16th: Being a responsible consumer by discussing: bank products and services, household record keeping, predatory lending and practices, and your financial health and net worth,

Thursday, February 23rd: Focus on the future by discussing: effective couponing and other money saving tips, why is insurance important, tax credits and deductions, celebrating your success, and next steps towards financial fitness.

Each workshop is FREE but registration is required. Space is limited so please call today! To register please contact Natalie Fisher at Pathfinder Community Connections at (260) 356-0521 Ext. 3213 or e-mail her at nfisher@pathfinderservices.org.

Additionally there is an opportunity to qualify for a choice of incentives after completing all four workshops. Participants may be eligible to receive up to \$300 from Pathfinder Community Connections to open a matched savings account at a local bank. Participants may also be eligible to receive up to a \$300 loan with a local financial institution regardless of credit history. Certain restrictions apply to the above offers.

“We are very fortunate to continue to be able to offer this financial fitness program to educate the communities we serve on the importance of improving credit and increasing financial stability in 2012 and beyond,” stated Natalie Fisher, Homeownership Education Coordinator for Pathfinder Community Connections. “People who participate in our workshops have found ways to improve their credit scores and continue along the path towards financial fitness. This is the first key to becoming successful homeowners and we are happy to help families through the process,” Fisher concluded.

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Pathfinder Community Connections is the community development division of Pathfinder Services and was created in 1997. Pathfinder Community Connections guides potential home buyers through the entire process of pre-purchase education, loan packaging, closing on the home, post purchase counseling, and when in need foreclosure prevention. Pathfinder Community Connections can be found online at www.cchomes.org.