

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC)'s **Financial Literacy Update** is a bimonthly e-newsletter that reports financial literacy events, initiatives, and related resources of the OCC and other government agencies and organizations.

Financial Literacy Update provides brief descriptions and Web links for events in chronological order. It lists initiatives and resources (with Web links) in alphabetical order. We welcome your feedback.

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EVENTS

[Professional Development Events in Arkansas, Kentucky, and Missouri](#)

September–October 2013

The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis offers these professional development events for teachers.

[Teacher Workshops in Southeastern U.S.](#)

September–October 2013

The Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta sponsors numerous teacher workshops and events in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

[9th Annual National Community Tax Coalition Conference in New Orleans](#)

September 10–13, 2013 (New Orleans, La.)

The National Community Tax Coalition hosts this conference for members of the community tax preparation, asset building, and policy and advocacy fields to come together to learn, share, and network, as well as to enhance the quality and impact of their work.

[KC MOST Teacher Workshops in Kansas City](#)

September 2013 – April 2014 (Kansas City, Mo.)

The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City is offering these monthly workshops to help teachers gain a deeper knowledge of key economic and personal finance concepts and receive state curricular-based lessons and resources tied to those concepts.

[Field Hearing on Youth Financial Capability in Wisconsin](#)

September 25, 2013 (Madison, Wis.)

The Financial Literacy and Education Commission (FLEC) will host a field hearing on youth financial capability issues at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. The purpose of the hearing is to share best practices and opportunities in youth financial education, learn about local initiatives, and promote FLEC's two-year strategic focus, "Starting Early for Financial Success." The field hearing will be a half-day event with two moderated panels and time for public comments.

[National Cyber Security Awareness Month](#)

October (Nationwide)

A collaborative effort between government and industry, National Cyber Security Awareness month strives to ensure that every American has the resources to stay safer and more secure online.

First Nations L.E.A.D. Conference

October 3–4, 2013 (Prior Lake, Minn.)

First Nations Development Institute hosts this conference designed to help emerging and existing leaders in Indian Country network, share ideas, and learn new skills related to asset building.

Council for Economic Education's National Conference in Baltimore

October 3–5, 2013 (Baltimore, Md.)

The Council for Economic Education conference is a nationwide gathering of educators featuring a diverse selection of presentations, workshops, and events to enable educators to raise the level of economic and financial literacy among K-12 students.

NAPSA Summit on Elder Financial Exploitation in Minneapolis

October 4, 2013 (Minneapolis, Minn.)

The National Adult Protective Services Association sponsors this conference to discuss the growing trend of financial abuse and fraud targeting the elderly.

Field Hearing in Atlanta on Workplace Financial Education

October 10, 2013 (Atlanta, Ga.)

The Financial Literacy and Education Commission (FLEC) will host a field hearing on workplace financial education. The purpose of the hearing is to share best practices and opportunities for implementing workplace financial education programs and strategies to engage employees; identify barriers and challenges to program implementation; learn about local initiatives; and promote FLEC's two-year strategic focus, "Starting Early for Financial Success." The field hearing will be a half-day event with two moderated panels and time for public comments.

2013 \$tart \$mart Teacher Summit in Utah

October 11, 2013 (Thanksgiving Point, Utah)

The Jump\$tart Coalition of Utah sponsors this professional development summit for K-12 teachers.

Financial Literacy Summit in Virginia

October 14, 2013 (Richmond, Va.)

The Virginia Jump\$tart Coalition hosts this financial literacy conference.

National Get Smart About Credit Day

October 17, 2013 (National)

The American Bankers Association Education Foundation sponsors events to connect bankers with students and other young adults. The goal is to help participants better understand credit and use credit responsibly.

2nd Annual Financial Educators Symposium in Massachusetts

October 17, 2013 (Great Barrington, Mass.)

The Massachusetts Jump\$tart Coalition hosts this financial literacy conference.

Financial Literacy Conference in Washington

October 21–22, 2013 (Washington, D.C.)

The Society for Financial Education and Professional Development Inc. hosts this Sixth Annual Financial Literacy Leadership Conference, "Financial Literacy—Opportunities and Resources." Attendees gain important information and strategies for enhancing the financial literacy of Americans.

St. Louis Federal Reserve's Financial Education Day

October 23, 2013 (Little Rock, Ark.; Louisville, Ky.; and St. Louis, Mo.)

The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis sponsors this event offering resources for teaching personal finance that are effective and aligned with the Common Core State Standards.

Financial Educator Roundtable in Boston

October 24, 2013 (Boston, Mass.)

The Massachusetts Jump\$tart Coalition hosts its first financial educators roundtable.

National Educator Conference in Washington

November 1–3, 2013 (Washington, D.C.)

The Jump\$tart Coalition's fifth annual conference offers tools, resources, and support for educators of preschoolers through high school students who are interested in teaching personal finance.

Lights, Camera, Save! National Video Contest for Teens

November 1–30, 2013 (Nationwide)

The American Bankers Association Community Engagement Foundation sponsors this video contest for banks to engage teenagers to educate themselves and their peers about smart money management. Contestants develop a short video to illustrate the value of saving to further their dreams. The grand prize winner receives \$3,000.

Financial Education in Oklahoma Conference

November 6, 2013 (Location TBD)

The Oklahoma Jump\$tart Coalition sponsors this financial literacy conference.

HOPE Global Dignity Summit in Atlanta

November 13–14, 2013 (Atlanta, Ga.)

Operation HOPE hosts this gathering of corporate, government, and community leaders from around the world to discuss accelerating an economic recovery and empowering underserved communities.

30th Annual Research and Training Symposium in South Carolina

November 20–22, 2013 (Greenville, S.C.)

The Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education (AFCPE) hosts this conference dedicated to educating, training, and certifying financial educators and counselors.

7th Annual Financial Literacy Symposium in New Jersey

December 5, 2013 (Mercerville, N.J.)

The New Jersey Coalition for Financial Education hosts this financial literacy conference.

9th Annual Educator Conference in Detroit

December 11, 2013 (Detroit, Mich.)

The Michigan Jump\$tart Coalition sponsors this financial education conference.

INITIATIVES

CFPB Financial Discussion Group

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) has launched a financial education discussion group on the professional networking Web site LinkedIn. The purpose is to share the CFPB's work with financial education practitioners and other stakeholders and learn about promising practices from financial educators. To join the group, you must have, or create, a LinkedIn profile. Next, search for "CFPB Financial Education Discussion Group" and click on "Join Group."

Financial Capability Certification

The NeighborWorks Center for Homeownership Education and Counseling (NCHEC) is offering a new Financial Capability Certification for financial counselors.

Financial Literacy and Education Commission Call for Papers

The U.S. Financial Literacy and Education Commission and *The Journal of Consumer Affairs* invite submissions for a special issue, "Starting Early for Financial Success: Capability Into Action." Papers should rigorously explore the connection between financial education and capability interventions and measurable changes in financial behavior and outcomes. The submission deadline is March 16, 2014.

Jump\$tart Teacher Training Alliance

The Jump\$tart Coalition and its partners offer this tool kit to help local organizations provide K-12 teachers with standard, consistent, and effective professional development that increases their own level of financial literacy, thereby improving their confidence in—and enthusiasm for—teaching personal finance in the classroom.

Microfinance Demonstration Project

The Center for Hunger-Free Communities and the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare are working to develop, implement, and sustain a microfinance demonstration project in Philadelphia's most underserved neighborhoods over a five-year period. The project's short-term goal is to develop a peer-oriented asset-building model that helps women break the cycle of poverty. The long-term goal is to develop a model of public assistance that could transform the U.S. welfare system.

RESOURCES

[AARP-SBA Webinars](#)

AARP and the U.S. Small Business Administration are hosting and have aired a number of webinars as part of a series to educate people who want to start a business or expand an existing one.

[BetterMoneyHabits.com](#)

Bank of America and the Khan Academy offer this free, easy-to-understand financial education Web site.

[Building Your Future](#)

The Actuarial Foundation offers this high school personal finance curriculum that helps teens easily grasp the essentials of personal finance, gives them multiple opportunities to practice core skills, and shows the real-world implications of the financial decisions they make.

[CFPB Financial Literacy Annual Report](#)

This report from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) highlights initiatives to implement the agency's financial literacy strategy.

[Common Core Alignment Tools](#)

The Council for Economic Education offers this resource to help educators meet the Common Core Standards while teaching financial and economic literacy.

[FTC Financial Educator Web Resource](#)

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) offers this consumer information Web site for financial educators.

[Going Mobile](#)

The FTC offers this new, mobile-friendly navigation of its library of consumer information.

[MyMoney.Gov](#)

The U.S. Department of the Treasury has redesigned MyMoney.gov, a "one-stop shop" for Americans to find financial education information and resources from across the federal government. The new site highlights the MyMoney Five, a research clearinghouse, and information and games focused on youths.

[Money Matters on Campus](#)

EverFi and Higher One released the findings of a survey of 40,000 first-year college students from across the U.S. about student attitudes and behaviors regarding banking, savings, credit cards, and school loans.

[National Report Card: The State of Financial Literacy in High Schools](#)

The Champlain College Center for Financial Literacy has issued a report on how states address the teaching of personal finance in public high schools.

[HelpWithMyBank.gov](#): The OCC's HelpWithMyBank.gov Web site provides answers to approximately 250 commonly asked banking questions. While targeted to customers of national banks and federal savings associations (FSA), the Web site has answers to many questions common to all bank and FSA consumers and provides useful information about contacting regulators of state banks, and other financial institutions; and includes an online complaint form for bank customers wishing to register their concerns to the OCC. Information is also available in [Spanish](#). A link from HOPE NOW—an alliance of counselors, mortgage companies, and other mortgage market participants—to HelpWithMyBank.gov has been established.

[Financial Literacy Resource Directory](#): The OCC's *Financial Literacy Resource Directory* provides information on financial literacy resources, issues, and events of importance to bankers, organizations, and consumers of all ages. The resource directory includes descriptions of, and contact information for, government programs on financial literacy education and capability, and a sampling of organizations whose missions are to support financial literacy through campaigns, fact sheets, newsletters, conference materials, publications, and Web sites.

[MyMoney.gov](#): MyMoney.gov is the U.S. government's Web site dedicated to teaching consumers the basics about financial education. The redesigned, interactive site includes information from 21 federal agencies and bureaus to help consumers plan for life events with financial implications, such as buying a home, balancing a checkbook, and planning for retirement. The Web site also provides money management tools, such as financial calculators and worksheets.

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