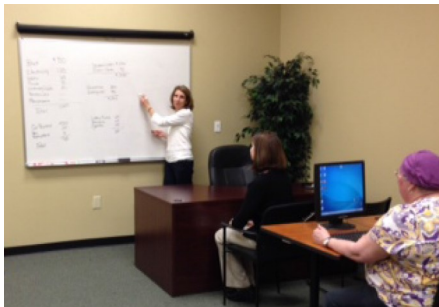


Greenville County Human Relations Commission

Connections

Financial Stability



Janice Jennings illustrating a how to create a budget in one of GCHRC's Financial Stability Classes.

Greenville County Human Relations Commission proudly supports the community through many ongoing efforts to meet our community's needs. One place is at the Financial Stability Center at the Goodwill Job Connection Center in Simpsonville.

The center not only provides job skills training, resume help, interviewing assistance, and search support for job seekers. Other services are provided by the Benefit Bank which includes screening and application assistance for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), FAFSA (education assistance), Medicaid and other programs, as well as the

services provided by Human Relations such as housing assistance and financial literacy education. When clients come to the center they can receive the necessary support that not only

helps them determine their needs, but to receive the tools that can lead them to a better quality of life.

A recent participant in the "All About Finances" class started implementing the recommendations and wanted to tell her story:

"I came to the financial stability class because I wanted to know how my household could become more financially stable. I attended the first class, and it opened my eyes to what bills were actually being paid. Wow! Did that open a can of worms for my whole family! We found 40 percent of our money could be saved by little things like fixing a leak in our house. Things like turning the lights and TV off

when leaving the room save us money on the utility bill. By opening the front glass door we use natural light in the daytime, which saves us money on our electric bill. Now, I'm from NY City, the city of lights, so this was easier said than done, but once I got started then I couldn't stop because the money saved was just too good to be true. Of course, I'm not perfect, and I still sleep with the TV on. How much I'll save yet is to be seen. The first step I learned in class is identifying where your money is going. I can't wait to finish my financial stability classes and qualify for the IDA program so I can make my dreams of owning my own business come true."

Yours Truly,
 Desiree

The Financial Stability Center is located at 915 South Street in Simpsonville and opens to the public Monday through Thursday 9-12 and 1-4. Classes are free and are available the first and third Thursday of the month from 9:30-11:30 am.

April is Fair Housing Month!



Please join us for the upcoming Fair Housing Month in April!

Look for upcoming events and flyers concerning our annual Fair Housing Event. Fair Housing is a

very important part of what GCHRC does for the community. GCHRC specializes in Fair Housing and equal opportunity.

The Office of [Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity](#) (FHEO) administers and enforces federal laws and

establishes policies that make sure all Americans have equal access to the housing of their choice. GCHRC helps create awareness and keep clients current on their Fair Housing rights in the Greenville community.

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*Our Mission:
 "Promoting positive community relations and equal opportunity."*

Special points of interest:

- Bi-Lingual Housing Counseling and Assistance
- Fair Housing Complaints and Investigation
- Bi-Lingual Financial Education/ Workshops/ Certifications
- Community Partnerships
- IDA Assistance



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Please Join Us for Our Upcoming Events and Programs!!!

EVENTS:

This Saturday!!

'Smart Money Saturday: Free Financial Fair and Workshops'

When: Saturday, March 29, 2014

10:00AM until 4:00PM

Where: Greenville Library
Main, Meeting Rooms A-C
25 Heritage Green Place
Greenville, SC 29601

In April!!

Help Us Celebrate Fair Housing Month

When: Thursday, April 17, 2014

10:00AM until 3:00PM

Where: County Square Lobby
301 University Ridge
Greenville, SC 29601

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Financial Literacy Workshop Class Schedule — Join Us!

Credit Smart English

Greenville Library Locations

Saturday 9AM-1PM

March 22nd and 29th - August Road Library

May 3rd and 10th - Main Library

July 12th and 19th - TBD

Greenville County Square Conf. Room "B"

6:30PM-8:30PM

April 7th, 8th, 10th, 14th

June 9th, 10th, 12th, 16th

August 4th, 5th, 7th, 13th

Credit Smart Spanish

Classes are held on Saturday at various Greenville
Library locations and weeknights at the Greenville
County Square, Conference Room B (Flag Pole)

All About Finances

Location: The Goodwill Job Connection at the
Simpsonville Store
Address: 915 South St.
Simpsonville SC 29681

(Not for those applying for, or in, the IDA program)
Classes are held the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month
9:30AM -11:30AM

Home Buyer Education

Location: Greenville Tech Buck Mickel Center 216 South
Pleasantburg Dr.
Greenville, SC 29607

Room 135

Classes are held the 3rd Saturday of each month. (No classes are held in December.) 9:00AM- 4:00PM

Home Buyer Info Sessions

At various Greenville Library locations, various Days,
Weeknights, and on Saturday's at various scheduled hours.
Please Call our Office for monthly dates, times, and locations.

Visit our website at: www.greenvillecounty.org/humanrelations/ for the most current list of activities!

Must call **864-467-7095** to Pre-register for all classes.