Smart Money Matters Newsletter

Our quarterly educational member newsletter provides timely information about financial issues, credit union activities, workshops, products and services.

Money Matters Program for Foster and Homeless Youth

We helped develop and facilitate the Money Matters program, which teaches basic money management skills to Solano County's foster and homeless youth in preparation for independent living.

Web Video Seminars

We post Web videos on a variety of financial topics at ***www.traviscu.org***, offering members useful information for making smart choices.

SparkPoint Centers Fairfield and Vallejo

SparkPoint Centers are financial education centers that help individuals and families who are struggling to make ends meet. Travis Credit Union and its collaborative partners help clients address immediate financial crises, get them back on their feet, and build financially secure futures.

These one-stop centers bring together a full range of services, and encourage clients to take advantage of two or more at a time. By combining services, SparkPoint clients reach their financial goals faster.

Work-Ready Certification Program

Travis Credit Union, Solano County Office of Education (SCOE), Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District and the Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce have teamed up to develop a Work Ready Certification (WRC) Project for students in the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District, which serves approximately 22,000 students. The WRC program is designed to verify that students have the entry-level skills needed to be successful in the workplace and to be contributing citizens of our local community and globally. An exciting and critical component of the WRC Project is Biz Kid$, which provides the financial literacy curriculum needed for students to understand how to make and manage their money.

Youth Entrepreneur Business Plan Competitions

Our collaboration with Napa Valley College helps prepare youth with good business skills for potential employment opportunities.

Mad City Money Teen Financial Boot Camp

This annual, half-day "boot camp," called Mad City Money, teaches students between the ages of 15 and 22 about basic money management and the consequences of their financial decisions.

For further information about TCU's participation in these projects and others within the communities we serve, please contact:

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Financial Literacy Projects and Partnerships

Educational programs for youth and adults

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We believe that financial literacy is the first step toward reaching any financial goal. Each year, we actively engage in community partnerships to bring opportunities for financial literacy to youth, adults, the under-served and the unbanked. We've made it our mission to provide learning opportunities to those we serve and those we hope to serve. These are only some of the projects to which we devote time, talent and resources.

BALANCE℠ Financial Fitness

TCU members have free phone access to professional financial counselors through our partnership with the BALANCE℠ Financial Fitness Program. This service helps members manage money and debt, understand credit reports, recognize identity theft and buy a home. Financial counselors also assist members facing financial difficulties.

Cal Grants

As part of our commitment to education, we sponsor Cal Grants presentations in Contra Costa, Napa, Solano and Yolo Counties. These events attract hundreds of local high school students, local dignitaries, regional college representatives and school officials.

California Small Business Development Center

In addition to facilitating financial literacy seminars, we provide a first place cash prize for the winner of the annual Youth Business Plan Competition, sponsored by the California Small Business Development Center.

Community Seminars

Throughout the year, we present a variety of free, in-house seminars to help members achieve their personal and financial goals. Topics include basic budgeting, first time home buyer tips and retirement planning.

Savvy Money

Members have free access to Savvy Money (formerly Debt in Focus), an anonymous online tool that generates a financial analysis of current debt and suggests a customized strategy to pay down bills and become debt-free.

Destination College

This program provides tutoring, mentoring and advising in local schools to raise college admittance levels and academic performance among low income and educationally disadvantaged students. While striving to create a supportive service community, Destination College emphasizes education, growth and problem solving.

Family Resource Centers

Free financial seminars are presented to people who are unbanked or under-served and families of modest means who are assisted through Yolo, Napa, Solano and Contra Costa County Family Resource Centers.

Juvenile Court and Community Schools

We help the Solano County Office of Education develop financial planning programs for students in the Solano County Juvenile Court system and community schools who may also be in foster youth programs or homeless.

Mary Keith Duff Memorial Scholarship Program

Each year, the TCU Scholarship Committee awards twenty $1,500 scholarship to high school seniors who are TCU members. This popular program, established in 2004, assists college-bound members wherever they live.

Military Saves Week

Each February, we participate in Travis Air Force Base's annual Military Saves Week, offering financial literacy classes to military personnel and their families, including adult and elementary school students. Topics include financial fitness, financial organization and basic money management.

Napa Valley College Summer Camp for Youth Entrepreneurs

This five-day business "boot camp" for student entrepreneurs at Napa Valley College teaches how to start a full-time, part-time or summer business. It provides hands-on training and field trips to successful Napa businesses.

National Endowment for Financial Education (NEFE)

NEFE offers the High School Financial Planning Program in our service area. This seven-unit program includes a collection of resources, articles and financial tools for teachers, students and parents.

Solano Community College Business Plan Competition

We sponsor the annual Solano Community College Business Plan Competition for students between the ages of 14 and 27. Participants present their business plans to a panel of judges comprised of local entrepreneurs, educators and industry leaders.

High School College Career Fairs

Travis Credit Union continues to seek opportunities to both educate our youth in matters of financial literacy and support education in our local schools. The college and career fairs are occasions in which Travis Credit Union can openly speak with the students and educators in educational workshops or one-on-one conversations. Travis Credit Union believes that financial literacy for the youth in our county makes our communities fiscally healthier.

YIPPIE Foundation (Youth Initiating Professional Preparedness In Employment)

The YIPPIE Foundation is a social enterprise non-profit organization in Fairfield which provides job readiness , vocational mentoring, life skills and confidence for disenfranchised youth, ages 16-24, in our local community. As a collaborative partner, TCU representatives provide wise money management and budgeting skills. Students also receive entrepreneurial education and work experience in the "YIPPIE Yogurt" training shop, thereby providing eligibility for YIPPIE graduates to participate in the YIPPIE Internship program with area employers.

Solano County Life Skills

This annual event assists foster children in developing employment and life skills outside of foster care.