

Network of Government Partners

Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board

Website: www.tsp.gov

Who? The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board administers the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP). The TSP is a retirement savings plan for civilians who are employed by the United States Government and members of the uniformed services. The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board is an independent Government agency.

What? Representatives from TSP provide information to Federal employees and members of the uniformed services on all aspects of participating in the TSP. This information includes benefits, tax contribution rules, investment options, loan program, in-service and post service withdrawal options, and death benefits.

The Thrift Board can provide the following briefs:

- An Employee Briefing: Overview of the Thrift Savings Plan (4 hours)
- Member Briefing: An Overview of the Thrift Savings Plan for the Uniformed Services (4 hours)
- Combined Briefing: An Overview of the Thrift Savings Plan for Federal Employees and Members of the Uniformed Services (4½ hours)
- For New Hires: Thrift Savings Plan at a Glance (2 hours)
- Thrift Savings Plan Pre-Separation/Reduction in Force Seminar (1½ hours to 2 hours)

The Thrift Board provides handouts and materials for these briefings. (Agencies can also order TSP materials for their own use at the fairs.) In addition to providing speakers, TSP also has a display booth that may be available.

How? For more information, see the Information for Agency Representatives section of the TSP web site, www.tsp.gov, or call the TSP Education and Training staff at: (202) 942-1450

Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program

Website: www.LTCFEDS.com

Who? The Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP) is sponsored by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management and is administered by Long Term Care Partners, LLC, a joint venture between John Hancock and Metropolitan Life. It is currently the largest group long term care insurance program in the country.

The FLTCIP is offered to Federal and U.S. Postal Service employees and annuitants, active and retired members of the uniformed services, certain other eligible groups, and their qualified relatives. Eligible individuals can apply to the FLTCIP at any time and do not have to wait for an Open Season.

What? Representatives from Long Term Care Partners are available to present at agency financial education fairs and retirement seminars. All representatives hold two professional designations, Certified Long Term Care Consultant (CLTC) and Long Term Care Professional (LTCP). Expertly trained on long term care issues, they are qualified to accurately present all of the features of the FLTCIP, assist in the decision making process, and help compare the FLTCIP to other plans.

The FLTCIP can provide the following educational resources free of charge:

- On-site informational briefings
- Exhibitor booth representation
- Program brochures/educational materials
- FLTCIP video – runs 17 minutes and is available in DVD, CD Rom or VHS format
- Virtual Seminars – air the FLTCIP video and conference in a Program expert for a live “Q & A”

How? To request FLTCIP representation and/or materials for your upcoming financial education fair or retirement seminar, or to schedule a Virtual Seminar, please contact Maureen McNally (603-433-4543) (mmcnally@lhcpartners.com). Requests will be considered on a first-come/first-serve basis and are subject to presenter availability.

Federal Flexible Spending Account Program

Website: www.fsafeds.com

Who? FSAFEDS is a Flexible Spending Account (FSA) program for Federal employees in the Executive Branch and other employees in Federal agencies that have adopted the program. SHPS is the Third Party Administrator with a contract with OPM for the day-to-day administration of FSAFEDS.

What? FSAFEDS will provide program brochures and giveaways for financial education fairs. FSAFEDS representatives are also available to provide a free overview presentation to groups of 100 or more employees, subject to the availability of a program representative.

How? Contact Bart Turney at SHPS via email at fsafeds-hr@shps.com or by calling (502) 267-3157. Requests may also be submitted via SHPS’ Benefits Counselors by calling toll-free 1-877-FSAFEDS (1-877-372-3337) or TTY at 1-800-952-0450 Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M., Eastern Time.

**U.S. Department of Agriculture
Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES)
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250
Website:** www.csrees.usda.gov/fsll

Who? The USDA Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service’s unique

mission is to advance knowledge for agriculture, the environment, human health and well-being, and communities by supporting research, education, and extension programs in the Land-Grant University System and other partner organizations. CSREES doesn't perform actual research, education, and extension but rather helps fund it at the state and local level and provides program leadership in these areas. CSREES has 59 identified programs, including Financial Security. The overall goal of our Financial Security Program is for people to acquire the knowledge, skills, and motivation to build financial security. Our Financial Security Programs focus on behavioral change, starting with achieving financial self-sufficiency, then stability.

What? CSREES routinely attend financial education fairs, hosting table top exhibits displaying brochures, program impact reports, program initiatives, financial education resources, pertinent information from our collaborators, and contact information for access to our nationwide network of financial education professionals. The Financial Security National Program Leader, Jane Schuchardt, is a knowledgeable speaker on all topics relating to financial security education.

How? The points of contact for coordinating support from CSREES are Jane Schuchardt, National Program Leader for Financial Security, Phone: 202-690-2674 Email: jschuchardt@csrees.usda.gov , or Jim Terry, jterry@csrees.usda.gov.

U.S. Department of Treasury
Bureau of the Public Debt
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Website: www.publicdebt.treas.gov

Who? The Bureau of the Public Debt is responsible for borrowing the money needed to operate the Federal government by selling Treasury bills, bonds, and notes, as well as U.S. Savings bonds to the public. They have information and can answer questions from employees about buying US savings bonds.

What? Bureau of Public Debt maintains a website (www.treasurydirect.gov) with educational materials for the individual/personal, institutional, and government. TreasuryDirect is the first and only financial services website that lets you buy and redeem securities directly from the U.S. Department of the Treasury in paperless electronic form. You enjoy the flexibility of managing your savings portfolio online as your needs and financial circumstances change - all the time knowing your money is backed by the full faith of the U.S. government.

Bureau of Public Debt offers product information and research across the entire line of Treasury Securities, from Series EE Savings Bonds to Treasury Notes. Our new TreasuryDirect accounts offer Treasury Bills, Notes, Bonds, Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS), and Series I and EE Savings Bonds in electronic form in one convenient account.

How? To have a representative speak or provide information materials, contact Brian Kohl at brian.kohl@bpd.treasury.gov.

U.S. Department of Labor

**Employee Benefits Security Administration
Office of Participant Assistance
200 Constitution Avenue
Washington, DC
Website: www.dol.gov/ebsa**

Who? The Office of Participant Assistance (OPA) provides service to the Employee Benefits Security Administration's (EBSA) customers by means of outreach, education & technical assistance. OPA provides participant and compliance assistance to the public through a variety of vehicles including public outreach, brochures, other educational materials, national educational campaigns, public service announcements, and EBSA's Web site. OPA coordinates the development of the Agency's strategic plan, establishes policies and operating procedures, and oversees quality reviews and customer satisfaction surveys related to the agency's outreach, education and assistance program and provides support to the regional offices in carrying out these activities.

What? OPA leads the development and publication of a variety of educational materials for consumers and plan officials and the provision of educational information on the agency's Web site. OPA is also responsible for the operation of the toll free hotlines for assistance and free publications. The publications about retirement savings can be distributed at fairs. One such publication is "Taking the Mystery out of Retirement Planning". It is responsible for coordinating two major education campaigns - the Retirement Savings Education Campaign and the Health Benefits Education Campaign, including coordination of three National Summits on Retirement Savings Education in 1998, 2002 & 2006. OPA also serves as the Executive Secretary of the ERISA Advisory Council, providing logistical, clerical and technical support throughout the year.

How? Primary contact: Debra Golding, Deputy Director for Education Outreach, (202-693-8665). Secondary contact: Sharon Watson, Director, Office of Participant Assistance, (202-693-8630).

**U.S. Department of Labor
Women's Bureau
200 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20210
Website – www.dol.gov/wb**

Who? The U.S. Department of Labor Women's Bureau works to ensure opportunities for American women to achieve their potential in the workplace. Since Congress established the agency in 1920, it has been the only federal agency mandated to represent the needs of wage-earning women in the public policy process. The Bureau's mission is to promote the well being of wage-earning women, improve their working conditions, increase their efficiency, and advance their opportunities for profitable employment. The Bureau identifies the issues working women care about most and develops demonstration projects to address them. Its vision is to provide Better Jobs, Better Earnings, and Better Living to America's working women.

What? The Women’s Bureau developed Wi\$e Up, a financial education demonstration project targeted to Generation X women ages 22 to 35. The centerpiece of the program is an eight-module curriculum covering money for life, money math, money basics, credit, savings basics, insurance and risk management, investing, and achieving financial security. The curriculum is available online at www.wiseupwomen.org and has been taught in classroom settings in educational institutions and other organizations in several Women’s Bureau regions. The curriculum is complemented by an “Ask the Experts” feature, which permits registered participants to send questions by e-mail to volunteers with financial expertise. Another facet of the program is a series of monthly toll-free one-hour teleconference calls with featured speakers and a question and answer session. Transcripts and audio recordings of the teleconference calls are archived on the Wi\$e Up web site. Worksheets from each module of the curriculum are also available online.

How? If you would like more information about this project, please contact Sarah Miller at 202.693.6716 or miller.sarah@dol.gov.

GSA Federal Citizen Information Center
U.S. General Services Administration
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Who? The Federal Citizen Information Center (FCIC) has been a trusted one-stop source for answers to questions about consumer problems and government services. Consumers can get the information they need in three ways: by calling toll-free 1 (800) FED-INFO, through printed publications, or through information posted on FCIC’s family of websites:

www.firstgov.gov
www.pueblo.gsa.gov
www.kids.gov
www.consumeraction.gov

What? Pueblo, Colorado, is the home of the *Consumer Information Catalog*. The *Catalog* is published four times a year and contains descriptive listings of about 200 free or low-cost Federal publications. The publications are also available online at www.pueblo.gsa.gov. Topics include health, Federal benefits, money management, housing, employment, small business, education, food and nutrition, cars, travel, consumer protection and more. The *Catalog* is available through schools, libraries, consumer groups, Federal offices with large numbers of visitors, Congressional offices and in response to individual requests.

If you would like a free copy of the *Consumer Information Catalog*, write to **Catalog, Pueblo, Colorado 81009**, or call **1-888-8PUEBLO** (that’s 1-888-878-3256). You can also order a Catalog online at FCIC’s web site: www.pueblo.gsa.gov.

How? Groups and individuals who wish to receive free copies of the Consumer Information Catalog each quarter may enter their name and address to the [FCIC Subscription List](#), or you may contact James Zawada at james.zawada@gsa.gov.

**Federal Trade Commission
Bureau of Consumer Protection
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580
Website: www.ftc.gov**

Who? The Federal Trade Commission has a website loaded with information on protecting yourself against Identity Theft and steps to take if it occurs. Education is a key tool to prevent consumer injury. In this section of our website, there are publications with advice on avoiding scams and rip-offs, as well as tips on other consumer topics.

What? In addition to the publications, the agency also has individuals who can speak at financial fairs on the subject as well as provide written publications as handout materials.

FTC also oversees the Fair Credit Reporting Act. This law provides consumers with a free annual credit report.

How? To obtain a speaker and/or publications, contact Colleen P. Tressler at ctressler@ftc.gov.

**Social Security Administration
6401 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland 21235
Website: www.socialsecurity.gov/**

Who? Headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland, the Social Security Administration (SSA) maintains ten regional offices and 1300 local offices nationwide. Social Security reaches almost every family, and at some point will touch the lives of nearly all Americans. Social Security helps not only older Americans, but also workers who become disabled, and families in which a spouse or parent dies. Today, more than 157 million people work and pay Social Security taxes, and more than 48 million people receive monthly Social Security benefits.

What? It is important that every American understand what Social Security means to their and their family's financial future. Financial literacy fairs for federal employees present an opportunity to provide public employees the information that they need to know regarding Social Security. This includes subjects of particular interest, such as the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO) as well as protecting the integrity of their Social Security number. SSA can provide speakers to conduct workshops, serve as panelists and/or support informational exhibits, as appropriate. SSA also can provide the following support:

- Laptop computers to support -
 - PowerPoint presentations
 - CDs and DVDs with program information, including one developed specifically for Human Resource managers
 - Online services demonstrations

- Public information materials on a wide range of topics relating to Social Security and Medicare (in English and other languages)
- Message products, such as pens, pencils, calendars, nail files, and computer brushes.
- Tabletop displays
- Large (8ft x 10ft) portable exhibit backdrops
- Banner stands
- Portable counters with chairs

How? Contact: Suzanne Blouin, Public Affairs Specialist, Office of Communications, Office of External Affairs, 202-358-6322 or suzanne.b.blouin@ssa.gov.

Securities and Exchange Commission

100 F Street, NE

Washington, DC 20549

Office of Investor Education and Assistance

(202) 551-6551

Website: www.sec.gov/investor

Who? The Securities and Exchange Commission's (SEC) Office of Investor Education and Assistance serves individual investors, ensuring that their problems and concerns are known throughout the SEC and considered when the agency takes action. In addition to handling questions and complaints, the Office of Investor Education and Assistance creates and disseminates educational literature and tools to help Americans learn how to save and invest wisely, prepare for retirement, and achieve financial security.

What? We distribute a wide range of publications aimed at helping individuals make wise investment choices and avoid fraud, including brochures on many common investing products, such as mutual funds and variable annuities. From time to time, they speak on general investing topics.

How? Primary contact: Lori Schock (202) 551- 6335
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Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)

1776 F. Street, NW

Washington, DC 20006

Website: www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumers/moneysmart

Who? The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) preserves and promotes public confidence in the U.S. financial system by insuring deposits in banks and thrift institutions for at least \$100,000; by identifying, monitoring and addressing risks to the deposit insurance funds; and by limiting the effect on the economy and the financial system when a bank or thrift institution fails.

What? The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) recognizes the importance of financial education, particularly for people with little or no banking experience. That's why we

created Money Smart, a training program to help adults outside the financial mainstream enhance their money skills and create positive banking relationships.

Financial education fosters financial stability for individuals and for entire communities. The more people know about credit and banking services, the more likely they are to increase savings, buy homes, and improve their financial health and well being. The Money Smart curriculum helps individuals build financial knowledge, develop financial confidence, and use banking services effectively.

The Money Smart program may be used by banks and other organizations interested in sponsoring financial education workshops. Collaboration is important to the success of any education effort. The FDIC encourages banks to work with others in their communities to deliver financial education and appropriate financial services to individuals who may be unfamiliar with the benefits of having a relationship with an insured depository institution.

How? Primary contact: Valerie J. Williams, FDIC, New York Regional Office, 20 Exchange Place, New York, NY 10005, Phone:(917)320-2621, or email address: VWilliams@fdic.gov.

National Association of State Treasurers
Office of Federal Relations
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Website: www.nast.org

Who? In 1991, the College Savings Plans Network (CSPN) formed as an affiliate to the National Association of State Treasurers (NAST). NAST/CSPN monitors federal activities and promotes legislation that will positively affect Section 529 programs. Intended to make higher education more attainable, CSPN serves as a clearinghouse for information among existing college savings programs. CSPN provides an invaluable networking opportunity for all state officials to gather and share their unique innovations and experiences in an effort to improve Section 529 state college savings plans and in turn, help the youth of this nation attain the educational goals.

What? NAST/CSPN can provide expert speakers on the topic of college savings and Section 529 plans for any financial education fair in the 50 states and the District of Columbia. State treasurers, program directors and their staff are available to provide a wide range of educational outreach in the effort to better prepare people to help pay for their children's college education. Speakers, tabletop exhibits, brochures, other educational materials and trained professionals to speak to your employees about college savings can be made available upon request.

How? Contact Chris Hunter, Program Manager, NAST / CSPN, or Pam Taylor, Executive Director, NAST, via email: csfn@csfn.org or by phone: (859) 244-8175, to schedule your college savings workshop. NAST / CSPN will have someone from your state or region contact you to assist you in whatever college savings programming you are planning for your financial education fair.