



Dear AFDICA Member,

Welcome to the AFDICA *Money Smart* program! We appreciate your interest in furthering financial literacy and we hope that, as other AFDICA members have found, you will find teaching financial literacy a rewarding experience.

FDIC's *Money Smart* curriculum serves as the centerpiece of AFDICA's financial literacy program. To start, we recommend you create an account with the FDIC so you can access the materials: <https://catalog.fdic.gov/catalog/s/login/> (click on the link for "Not a Member?"). When you set up the account, you may be prompted to identify your organization, please insert "AFDICA" as a non-profit organization in this field.

Once you have registered, you may wish to check out FDIC's *Money Smart* website:

<https://www.fdic.gov/resources/consumers/money-smart/index.html>. Here, you can click on tools to teach Money Smart and find resources available for students and teachers, including games and podcasts.

You can also find a fun game for young adults called “How Money Smart Are You” (HMSAY) which has 14 online games and other resources about financial literacy.

The **Teach** link, provides two primary links for either teaching Youth or Adults, and includes instructor guides, participant guides as well as power point slides for each curriculum.

The **Learn** link includes the HMSAY, (also available in Spanish), the Money Smart “Podcast Network”, Parent/Caregiver Guides and Savings Related Resources. All curricula are free, are also downloadable, and may be customized to any audience.

Most of AFDICA’s financial literacy presentations have been virtual. Therefore, as an additional resource, you can access videos of our AFDICA volunteers teaching *Money Smart* to a variety of audiences using the following link:

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/10554618>

Once you are on the **Teach** section of the website, you will notice that *Money Smart* curricula is available for the following:

Money Smart for Young People: Grades Pre-K – 2, Grades 3 – 5, Grades 6 – 8, and Grades 9 – 12;

Money Smart for:

Young Adults: Ages 16 – 24;

Adults, which has been translated into several languages;\

Older Adults, which is available both in English and Spanish, and provides awareness among older adults and their caregivers on how to prevent elder financial exploitation and to encourage advance planning and informed financial decision making.

Small Business: Available in both English and Spanish and developed jointly with the Small Business Administration (SBA).

In addition, the AFDICA also offers teaching support by observing several teaching teams in action. Some of these programs can be viewed on the videos previously mentioned; including videos from a team that taught a group of high school students in Dallas at the Booker T. Washington High School for Performing & Visual Arts.

When you indicated your interest in teaching financial literacy, you were added to a list serv where you can share questions with other AFDICA members and learn from their experiences, (You can navigate to the list-serv through the “Update your profile” link.)

Also, the AFDICA offers many tips and tricks for teaching *Money Smart*, which you can access at the Education tab for AFDICA.

You may find that there are opportunities in your community to teach the program to social or neighborhood groups or make educators aware of the resources available to them at the *Money Smart* website.

Finally, you may also wish to keep up to date with the FDIC *Money Smart* Program by subscribing to the *Money Smart* newsletter at: <https://www.fdic.gov/resources/consumers/money-smart/money-smart-news/index.html>

In the Washington, DC and the Dallas Fort Worth metropolitan areas, there is a concentration of members involved in these training opportunities. Scott Taylor, AFDICA Board member and Vice President, Education is in the Dallas Fort Worth area, and I am in the DC area. Please email either of us with any questions you may have. You can reach us at: moneysmart@afdica.com. I am very happy to help you navigate the FDIC's *Money Smart* website and tour the many educational tools they have.

Again, thank you for joining the AFDICA *Money Smart* team. Scott and I look forward to working with you to help improve financial literacy in our communities!!

Mindy West, Chair Education Committee

Scott Taylor, Board member and Chair, AFDICA Education Committee