



Dear AFDICA Member,

Welcome to the AFDICA Money Smart program. As someone who has been involved with this effort for the past several years, I can say that it is a rewarding experience.

As an introduction, FDIC's Money Smart curriculum serves as the centerpiece for AFDICA's financial literacy program. To start, I recommend you create an account with the FDIC so you can access the materials: <https://catalog.fdic.gov/user/register>. When you set up the account, you will be prompted to identify your organization. Please insert "AFDICA" as a non-profit organization in this field.

FDIC's MoneySmart website (<https://www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/moneysmart>) is divided into the following three categories: **Teach** (both the Participant and Instructor Guides, as well as the power point slides for each curricula), **Learn** (computer-based instruction (cbi) for adults and young adults in English and Spanish for adults) and **Implement** (contains resources and strategies to successfully administer MoneySmart programs). All curricula are free, and aside from the cbi, are also downloadable, and may be customized to any audience.

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

Youth:

Pre-K – Grade 2: Comprised of 6 modules;

Ages 5 – 8: Coloring Book and Activity Book that discusses key personal finance concepts

Grades 3 – 5: Comprised of 8 modules;

Grades 6 – 8: Comprised of 5 modules;

Grades 9 – 12: Comprised of 5 modules;

Young Adults: Ages 12 – 20 comprised of 8 instructor-led modules;

Adults: Comprised of 14 instructor-led modules and is in both English and Spanish;

Older Adults: Instructor-led curriculum in both English and Spanish, and developed jointly with CFPB, 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: Instructor-led curriculum in both English and Spanish, developed jointly with SBA consisting of 13 modules.

The FDIC offers periodic training for teaching Money Smart. You may access this information here: <https://www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/moneysmart/training.html>.

The AFDICA also offers teaching support. First of all, 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; Also, the AFDICA offers many tips and tricks for teaching Money Smart. You can access these at the Education tab for AFDICA.

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/consumers/consumer/moneysmart/newsletter/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, VP, Education is located in the Dallas Fort Worth area and I am located in the DC area. Please email either of us with any questions you may have. You can reach us at moneysmart@afdica.com.

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

Mindy West

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