



Dear AFDICA Member,

Welcome to the AFDICA Money Smart program! We appreciate your interest in furthering financial literacy and we know that, as other AFDICA members have found, you may find teaching people from the Money Smart curriculum 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.

FDIC's Money Smart website <https://www.fdic.gov/resources/consumers/money-smart/index.html> allows you to click on tools to teach Money Smart and resources available for children and teachers, including games and podcasts. You can also test yourself by using the link to "How Money Smart Are You" (HMSAY) which has 14 online games and other resources about financial literacy.

The **Teach** link includes both Participant and Instructor Guides, as well as power point slides for each curriculum. **Learn** 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. During the pandemic there were several virtual presentations from the Money Smart program and thus there are now videos of Money Smart events taught by AFDICA members to a variety of audiences that you can access at <https://vimeo.com/showcase/9276577>

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

Money Smart for Young People: four free curriculum products, GRADES PRE-K – 2, GRADES 3 – 5, GRADES 6 – 8, GRADES 9 - 12

Money Smart for Young Adults: Ages 12 – 20 comprised of 8 instructor-led modules.

Money Smart for Adults: Comprised of 14 instructor-led modules and is in both English and Spanish.

Money Smart for 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.

Money Smart 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. Several teaching projects are done by teams of more than one person, offering the opportunity to work with others to present one or more topics to a group that has expressed interest in financial literacy. 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 Atlanta that were part of the South Fulton Arrow Youth Council.

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 these 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/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 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.

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

Board member and Chair, AFDICA Education Committee