

## **Family Economics and Financial Education (FEFE) Training Human Services Cluster**

(High Skill, High Wage, High Demand = Consumer Services)  
(Across-The-Board = Personal & Family Finance)

### **Name and Description of Project:**

The Family Economics & Financial Education (FEFE) project is in collaboration with the Take Charge America Institute at The University of Arizona in Tucson and the credit counseling and debt management company Take Charge America, Inc. Our mission is to provide educators with no-cost curriculum materials and the skills and confidence to effectively teach family economics and finance to their students. The FEFE project began in 2001 at Montana State University and in 2006 relocated to The University of Arizona. Arkansas began hosting training sessions here in the state in 2006 to meet the growing request of teachers for inservice support for Personal & Family Finance.

### **Major Activities:**

Attend FACS State sponsored training.

Implementation of curriculum and instructional strategies into Personal & Family Finance course.

### **Performance Indicator:**

Skill Attainment

### **Measurement:**

The success of this project will be measured by the number of teachers who successfully implement the FEFE materials into their classroom instruction and by student scores on the Personal & Family Finance End of Course Assessment.

### **Professional Development:**

Attend DWE State sponsored in-service

### **Instructional Materials/Supplies:**

State Sponsored Inservice \$440

Curriculum Materials \$705 (To include: Get Ready to Take Charge of Your Finances, Life In...United States, and Classroom Set of Activity Pieces)

Classroom Set of Financial Calculators \$40 per calculator

### **Equipment:**

Possible with justification and prior approval by the FACS Program Manager

<http://fefe.arizona.edu/index.php>

## **Educational Resources**

Family Economics & Financial Education's curriculum design differentiates itself from other family finance curricula with several unique features:

- Lessons are activity based and designed using the multiple intelligences model in a ready-to-teach format requiring minimal educator preparation;
- Educational materials in the lessons include information sheets, PowerPoint presentations, worksheets, answer keys, assessment tools, hands-on activities and bulletin boards;
- Lessons can be taught independently, in units or as the semester course, "Take Charge of Your Finances";
- All lessons are teacher tested and aligned to most state and national standards;
- The curriculum was developed for many different disciplines to teach family economics and financial education and may be used in a variety of educational settings.

"Take Charge of Your Finances": is designed using the multiple intelligences and an active based approach. All sixty-four lesson plans are written in a ready-to-teach format requiring minimal teacher preparation. Educational materials in the lesson plans include information sheets, PowerPoint presentations, worksheets, answer keys, assessment tools, hands-on activities, and bulletin boards. "Take Charge of Your Finances" is designed for students grades 10-12.

"Get Ready to Take Charge of Your Finances": provides a bridge of introductory lesson plans to the "Take Charge of Your Finances" curriculum. "Get Ready to Take Charge of Your Finances" is intended for students grades 7-9 or individuals with limited family finance knowledge.

## **Arkansas Training August 5-7, 2009**

The University of Arizona Family Economics & Financial Education Project in conjunction with Arkansas family and consumer sciences would like to formally invite all family and consumer sciences educators to attend the "Family Economics & Financial Education" workshop. The trainings will be held August 5-7, 2009 in Ferndale, Arkansas. This dynamic and interactive training will be content driven while using an active learning approach to ensure educators have fun while learning how to effectively use the curriculum materials. In addition, participants will experience the "Life in...United States" spending plan simulation, and receive a hard copy of the complete semester course "Take Charge of Your Finances," the introductory course, Get Ready to Take Charge of Your Finances in addition to educational resources required to supplement the lesson plans.

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