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Don't Miss Out on ABCD's Second Financial Health Check-up

Workshops focus on credit, money management

Don't miss this FREE money management conference on March 21 at ABCD!

Do YOU need a financial health check-up? Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) is holding the second in a series of money management conferences providing free workshops on financial topics useful to people every day of their lives.

ABCD's second "Financial Health Check-up" will take place **Saturday, March 21** from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** on the third floor of ABCD's downtown offices at **178 Tremont St, Boston**. The more than 120 attendees at the January conference expressed enthusiasm about the wide range of useful content provided.

The **Keynote Speaker is Ron Marlow**, Assistant Secretary for Access and Opportunity, Department of Administration & Finance, Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Marlow was first involved with ABCD as a Head Start child in Dorchester! ABCD is thrilled that he will be at the conference to share his wide-ranging expertise and experience regarding economic issues that affect low and moderate-income families.

Workshops will focus on money management basics such as managing your credit, understanding taxes, a mortgage primer, youth and money, finding funds for education, an introduction to investing, and more. A new program on youth employment has been added and several workshops are provided in Spanish.

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In addition, IRS certified tax preparers will be available to provide **free tax preparation and filing for the Earned Income Tax Credit** to eligible families. ABCD staff will also be on hand to assist with applications for everything from Fuel Assistance to Food Stamps to Mass Health insurance. Lunch is provided.

“It’s going to be a one-stop shopping for everything financial,” said Financial Futures program Director Vernetta Allen.

“This is a great opportunity for people to learn how to make their money work for them,” said ABCD President/CEO Bob Coard.

Space is limited so for more information and to sign up call (617) 348-6588 **TODAY** or log onto www.bostonabcd.org!

About ABCD:

ABCD serves more than 100,000 low-income Boston-area residents through its central offices and a decentralized network of Neighborhood Service Centers (NSCs), Head Start centers, Family Planning sites and Foster Grandparent sites. Programs and affiliations include Fuel Assistance; Head Start; Child Care Services; Child Care Choices of Boston; Education; Career Development; Housing and Homelessness Services; Health Services; Family Planning; Urban College of Boston; University High – an Alternative High School; Ostiguy High School for high school students in recovery; Weatherization; Foster Grandparents; Elder Services; Intergenerational Programs; management of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), Commonwealth of Massachusetts Employees Charitable Campaign (COMECC), and City of Boston Employees Charitable Campaign (COBECC), advocacy and consumer services.

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