

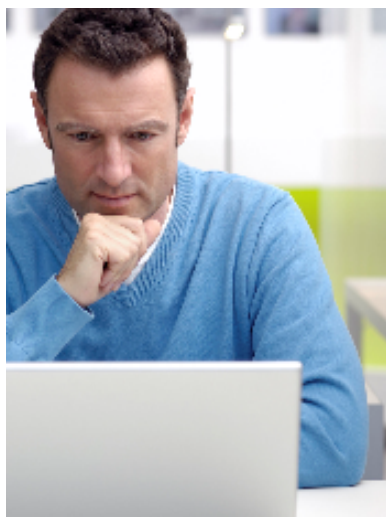
# FINANCIAL EDUCATION RESOURCES

The need for financial education and literacy is as important in today's economic times than ever. Financial education fosters financial stability for individuals, families and entire communities. The more people know about credit and banking services, the more likely they are to increase savings, buy homes, and improve their financial health. Statistics have shown that stress related to finances spills over to the workplace and can affect productivity and even absenteeism.

*Money Smart*, is a comprehensive financial education curriculum designed to assist individuals, outside the financial mainstream, develop financial skills and positive banking relationships. *Money Smart* helps individuals build financial knowledge, develop financial confidence and use banking services effectively.

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The Computer Based Instruction (CBI) version allows individuals to complete *Money Smart* at their own pace on a computer in English or Spanish.



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