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Community Development to Host Financial Stability Workshop

Registration Now Open

The City of Columbia Community Development Department will host Access Columbia, the premier workshop on financial stability, on Saturday, April 5, 2014 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, located at 1101 Lincoln St., from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Access Columbia is our effort to empower the community at-large with the financial information they need to build a better quality of life. Everyone needs basic financial tools in order to plan for major life decisions such as building a good credit history and buying a home. We want to provide this financial seminar to help families build a strong foundation for future generations," Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine stated.

This workshop is free and open to the public. Registration is required. Those interested can register online at <http://columbia.sc.gov/AccessColumbia> or by calling Community Development at 803-545-3373.

Classes range from budgeting to fair housing. Classes are available for children and teens. Participants can take up to two of the following classes:

- Give Credit ... When Credit is Due: Learn how to read a credit report and new tools to improve credit scores.
- Creating Cash on a Budget: Learn to manage money by creating a spending plan and find ways to limit spending and increase income.
- Why It's Best to Invest: Learn about the benefits of the stock market and how it can help your income.
- Cash 4 College: Learn about 529 college savings plans, benefits of the SC Educational Lottery and student loans.
- Teenagers and Money: Teens can learn about money saving tools, while still having fun with friends. This class is intended for youth grades 7th-12th.
- Climbing the Money Tree: Children can learn about money management, budgeting, savings and banking in a fun interactive class targeted for grades 1st-6th.
- The Search for Fair Housing: Learn about fair housing laws that prohibit discrimination in housing on the basis of race, religion, gender, ethnicity, disability and familial status.

"Creating Cash on a Budget" will also be offered in Spanish.

There will be an informational fair with vendors ranging from banks, financial institutions and more.

For more information, please call Community Development at 803-545-3373 or visit www.columbiasc.net.