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How to Purchase a Home added to Financial Literacy Mentoring slate

Everett, WA, May 14, 2008--- The third and final brown bag lunch session, *Financing a Home*, led by Pat Montgomery of Homesight, will be held on June 26 from noon to one pm at Workforce Development Council Snohomish County.

The first brown bag session, *Financing an Education*, was held on May 9th and was led by Sharon Parks, Assistant Director of Student Financial Services at Everett Community College. Ms. Parks offered prospective students in attendance the chance to receive some much needed educational financing advice and insights, including the various forms needed to apply for financial aid, the application process and how everything works. Attendees were very excited and felt that they gained a lot of important information to share with their clients.

The newest brown bag adds to the series of financial literacy events being held around Snohomish County during May and June thanks to a grant geared at offering financial asset development mentorship training for human service workers from agencies in Snohomish County. The grant, acquired by Workforce Development Council Snohomish County and the Snohomish County Financial Asset Development Coalition, was received from Washington State Community, Trade and Economic Development.

Brown bag lunch sessions will be held around the county offering targeted financial asset information to human and social service professionals. Sessions include:

1. **Financing a Business Startup -- June 9, 2008 | noon – 1pm**
NW Women’s Business Center, 2333 Seaway Blvd, Ste 108, Everett
2. **Financing a Home Purchase—June 26, 2008 | noon – 1 pm**
Workforce Development Council Snohomish County, 728-134th St SW, Everett

In addition, four general financial asset workshops will be held in each quadrant of the county to reach a diverse group of agencies. Workshops will be held at the following locations:

1. **May 28, 2008 | 8:30 am - 12:30 pm**
Stillaguamish Senior Center, 18308 Smokey Point Blvd, Arlington
2. **June 10, 2008 | 8:30 am – 12:30 pm**
Workforce Development Council Snohomish County, 728-134th St SW, Everett

3. **June 18, 2008 | 8:30 am – 12:30 pm**
Monroe School District Board Room, 200 E Fremont, Monroe
4. **June 25, 2008 | 8:30 am – 12:30 pm**
WorkSource Lynnwood, 20311-52nd Ave W, Lynnwood

Workshops will provide human and social service workers with basic tips and tools to connect their clients with resources to help meet financial goals, including how to turn client's financial issues into personal and financial goals; how to identify when and how to use spending plans with customers; understanding the basics of credit reports and scores; how to create action plans to meet client's goals; and information on debt, money management, credit/loans, savings and other topics.

Brown bags and workshops are free to human and social service professionals, but space is limited and pre-registration is strongly encouraged. To register and for more information, visit www.wdcsc.org.

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