



One-on-One Financial Coaching

Managing credit and debt is a necessary skill to reach economic independence. The San Diego Housing Commission, in partnership with Springboard, a nonprofit credit counseling organization, provides one-on-one financial coaching at the Achievement Academy.

Available at no charge to Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) recipients, the program teaches effective ways to reduce and manage credit debt and helps individuals develop a realistic household budget.

Springboard’s bilingual financial education coordinator at the Achievement Academy is Carlos Vargas. Mr. Vargas is a certified Consumer Credit Counselor by the National Foundation for Credit Counseling (NFCC) and brings the expertise and commitment necessary to assist distressed homeowners, homebuyers and consumers facing credit, debt and money management issues.

To make an appointment for confidential financial counseling at no cost to you, please contact Carlos at Carlos.Vargas@credit.org or call the Achievement Academy at (619) 578-7451.



Achievement Academy

1045 11th Avenue, downtown San Diego
Two Achievement Academy Satellite Centers
operate in San Ysidro & City Heights.

Achievement Academy – “Top of the Class” Profile



Khang joined The Money Project program in early 2010 and rapidly became an Achievement Academy success story. Financial literacy classes and participation in a savings program that provided a 3-to-1 match allowed Khang to save \$4,000 and propelled him on his way to home ownership. After a few months, Khang qualified for one of three first-time home buyer programs offered by the Housing Commission. Through the Closing Cost Assistance Grant Program, about \$10,000 of his closing cost expenses were covered. When asked why he joined The Money Project, Khang replied “It was a great opportunity. I saw the flyer and decided to check out the orientation to see what it was all about.” Would he recommend the program to others? “Of course, it will give you a head start on your future!”

Achievement Academy Hours

Monday - Friday* 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Every other Friday closed.

The Achievement Academy will be open on Saturday, February 5, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

It will be closed on February 11, February 21, and February 25.



Achievement Academy Workshops & Orientations Financial Skills Education Workshops

Sat. Feb. 5	Money Matters Budgeting	Learn how to prepare a personal budget. Learn the concepts and benefits of budgeting and how to use a budgeting tool. <i>Facilitator: Citibank</i> 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Tues. Feb. 8	Keep It Safe Checking and Savings	Learn how to keep your money safe and learn your rights as a consumer. <i>Facilitator: Money Management International</i> 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tues. Feb. 22	Taking Control of Your Financial Life Budgeting	Gain control of your financial life. Determine where you are financially, where you want to be, and how to get there. <i>Facilitator: Mark Pydynowski</i> 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Work Readiness Workshops

Thurs. Feb. 10	Transferable Skills	The workshop is free of charge to all Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) recipients. <i>Facilitator: Job Works</i> 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Thurs. Feb. 24	Resume Writing and Cover Letter	The workshop is free of charge to all Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) recipients. <i>Facilitator: Job Works</i> 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Computer Literacy Workshops

Sat. Feb. 5	Introduction to MS Word	The workshop is free of charge to all Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) recipients. 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Wed. Feb. 9	Introduction to the Internet	The workshop is free of charge to all Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) recipients. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Wed. Feb. 23	Introduction to the Internet	The workshop is free of charge to all Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) recipients. 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Homeownership Orientation

Tues. Feb. 15 (Spanish)	First time Home Buyers HOME Workshop	<i>Facilitator: Housing Opportunities Collaborative</i> 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
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College Preparation Workshop

Tues. Feb. 15	College Admissions and Preparation	<i>Facilitator: University of San Diego</i> 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
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Wed. Feb. 16	One-on-One Work Readiness- Related Service Appointments	To schedule an appointment, please contact your Service Coordinator.
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Family Self-Sufficiency Orientations (English)

- Tuesday, February 1,
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 15,
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Small Business Orientation (English)

- Tuesday, February 1,
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Benefits Screening

Eligibility workers can assist you in determining if you qualify for a variety of benefits.

Please set up an appointment to determine your eligibility by calling (619) 236-1957, or by sending an e-mail to calfreshappointment@gmail.com.

Computer Lab Hours Open

- Monday & Thursday,
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesdays,
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, February 4 & 18,
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday, February 5,
10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Closed

- Wednesdays
- February 11, 21, and 25

Tutoring Now Available

For tutoring days and hours, please call the Achievement Academy at (619) 578-7451 or visit our Web site: www.sdhc.org.