Creating Enthusiasm for Economic Justice: A Local Program Perspective

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SAFEHOME
Goals of the Program

• Specific to Domestic Violence

• Not solving poverty

• Empower, don’t enable
SAFEHOME’s Economic Advocacy Program Structure

**Individual**

- Community Resources
- Budgeting
  - Help with understanding bills/invoices
- Client Assistance
  - Completed budget
  - Attended class
  - Completed workshop
  - Utilized community resource

![PERSONAL SPENDING TOOL](image-url)
SAFEHOME’s Economic Advocacy Program Structure

Group

• Financial Literacy Classes
• Advanced Classes
• Monthly Workshops
• Resource Fair
SAFEHOME Financial Literacy Classes

- Held twice per year, Spring and Fall
- Both English and Spanish
- Utilize community partners/experts to teach
- 5-6 basic classes
  - Moving Ahead Through Financial Management curriculum – All State
- 3 advanced classes
- Graduation ceremony
- Meets same time each week in evening
SAFEHOME Financial Literacy Classes

- Dinner and childcare provided
- Open to all agency clients
- Classes scheduled right after support group
Collaborations & Community Partnerships

- Wells Fargo
- El Centro
- Catholic Charities Payday Loan Program
- Housing and Credit Counseling Inc. (Landlord/Tenant Issues)
- Principal Financial (Tax Assistance)
- Johnson County Community College
- Credit Law Center
- Department of Labor
- United Healthcare
Resources Utilized

- **WISP**
  - Helpful for rent, utilities, etc.
  - Prevents student debt
  - Quick access to funds

- **Independence Project**
  - Great resource for credit repair
  - Not suitable for emergency needs

- **KCSDV Matched Savings**
  - Flexible qualifications
  - Not suitable for emergency needs
Lessons Learned

What works...

- Providing Dinner & childcare for classes
- Incentives (gift card/donation raffle) & childcare for workshops
- Surveying clients for feedback
- Partnering with other agencies to provide education
- Creating requirements around client assistance
- Adding advanced classes
Lessons Learned

...and what doesn’t

- Short-term services & using funds for credit repair
- Using advocates to teach class
- Trying to do too much (duplicating English and Spanish programs with fewer staff)
- Using client assistance funds for car repairs
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