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"Never spend your money before you have earned it."

Thomas Jefferson







Money Matters

- Financial Goals short & long term
- Spending Plan expenses vs. income
- Decrease spending or increase income
 - Tax credits
- More expenses than income?
 - Household expenses (rent/mortgage, food)
 - Health & Safety
 - Seek assistance





Income	Expenses	
\$3,500	Rent	\$1,000
(\$2,100 + \$1,400)	Loans & bills	140
	Child care	400
	Savings	75
	Telephone	40
	Food	400
	Transportation	200
	Personal Expenses	150
	Total	\$2,405

Pay Yourself First • Why save? • Manage money better. • Save toward identified goals. • Improve living standard. • Money for emergencies. • Interest, Compound, Yield • Savings Account, Money Market, Certificate of Deposit • Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds, Treasury, Retirement Accounts

Borrowing Basics

- Money you borrow to pay for things that you must pay back.
- Credit is convenient, useful in emergencies, helps you purchase over time, can affect your employment, housing, and insurance.
 - Installment Loans, Credit cards, & Home loans vs.
 - Rent-to-Own Services, Pay-Day Loan Services, & Refund Anticipation Loans
- Capacity, Capital, Character, Collateral



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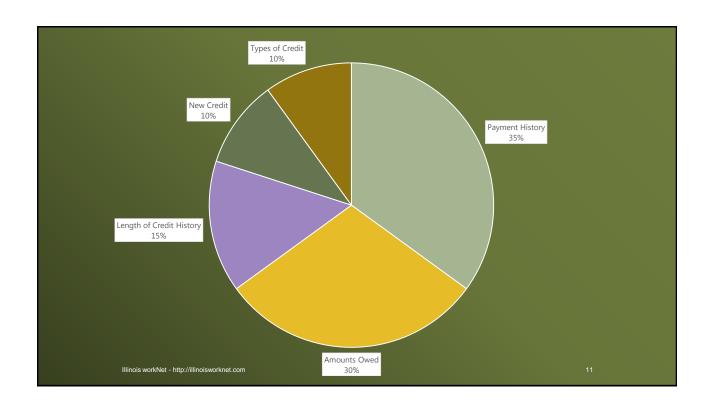


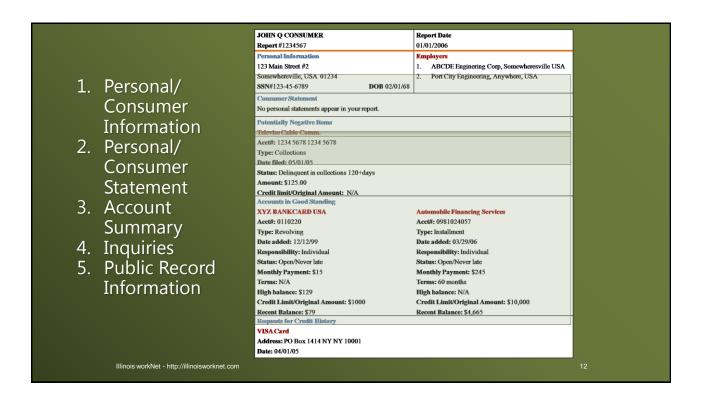
To Your Credit

- Credit is the ability to borrow money and your promise to pay back the loan.
- Tells lenders about you.
- Identifying information, history, & public record information
 - Bankruptcy
 - Chapter 7 or 13
 - 7-10 years on your record
- Scores between 300-850
- Equifax, Transunion, & Experian
 - http://annualcreditreport.com or 877-322-8228













Loan to Own

- Installment loans are equal monthly payments for a specific period of time.
 - Cars, furniture, electronics, household appliances
 - Mortgages & home equity loans are secured by collateral.
 - Student loans are unsecured.
- Specific monthly payment, lower rates than credit cards, payments include principal
- Right to Rescind/Right to Cancel
- Predatory lending practices



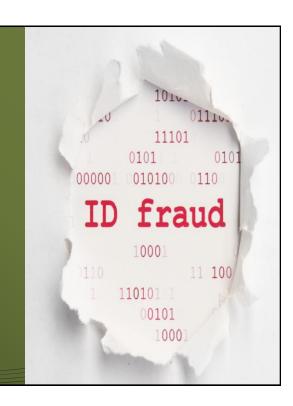
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Identity Theft

- Protect your personal information (SSN, PINs, passwords, credit/debit cards)
- Protect incoming/outgoing mail
- Sign up for direct deposit
- Keep financial trash "clean"
- Track bank statement & credit card bills
- Be mindful on the internet
- Check credit reports annually

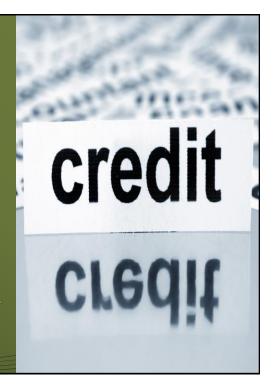




Financial Recovery

- Evaluate your current financial situation.
- Income vs. Expenses
 - Basic necessities first, high-priority expenses next, remaining expenses last
- Evaluate your spending plan
- Seek assistance
 - http://benefits.gov
 - http://makinghomeaffordable.gov
- Repair credit find and correct any errors, negotiate payments with creditors
- Stay calm, ask about "hardship" programs
- Use a Credit Counseling Agency be wary of unsolicited offers, could be scams







Resources to use

- Illinois workNet Money Management http://www.illinoisworknet.com/moneymanagement
- FDIC Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation https://www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/moneysmart/
- Money Smart Computer-Based Instruction https://www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/moneysmart/mscbi/mscbi.html
- Money Smart Week -
 - http://www.moneysmartweek.org/resources
 - http://www.moneysmartweek.org/illinoispo
- Consumer Credit Counseling Service http://illinoiscccs.org
- Government benefits http://benefits.gov
- Making Home Affordable http://makinghomeaffordable.gov



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