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Financial Holiday Survival Skills

Maricopa Workforce Connections hosts free workshops on financial health for the holidays.

Phoenix, Ariz. – Start 2008 with a sound financial plan. Keep holiday spending within limits and plan for the future. How? Join Maricopa Workforce Connections and Consumer Credit Counseling Services Southwest for “Holiday Survival Skills,” a free workshop.

Holiday Survival Skills will be offered at both MWC career centers.

Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

West Valley Career Center

(I10 and 101 Crossroads)

1840 N. 95th Ave., Suite 160, Phoenix, AZ 85037

PH: 602-372-4200 TTY: 602-372-4261

Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

Gilbert Career Center

Gilbert Road just south of Guadalupe

735 N. Gilbert Road, #134, Gilbert, AZ 85234

PH: 480/497-0350 TTY: 480/632-1910

Experts from CCCS Southwest will assist attendees in developing a personal budget, increase understanding of the true cost of the holidays and aid in establishing financial goals and a plan for 2008.

“Partnering with CCCS Southwest to offer Maricopa County residents solid budget advice compliments MWC’s efforts to improve the stability of the community. Our focus is mutual success for businesses and individuals. To succeed individuals need financial stability, particularly those seeking employment. ‘Holiday Survival Skills’ will provide the financial strategies to arm individuals to ‘stay ahead of the game,’ so to speak, in our tight economy.” said Patrick Burkhardt, assistant director, Workforce Development Division, Maricopa County Human Services Department, the county department coordinating the offering of MWC services to the community. “MWC customers, members of our community, often ask for financial guidance; we are working collaboratively with CCCS Southwest to deliver what they need.

Bringing employers and employees, and the resources they each need under one roof exemplifies the true desire of the Human Services Department to lead and be fiscally responsible in the provision of necessary public services. Services provided by MWC are directed by a Workforce Investment Board; a policy and oversight board partnered with the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors to deliver employment and training services to county residents.

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About Consumer Credit Counseling Services Southwest:

Since 1958, Consumer Credit Counseling Services Southwest (CCCS Southwest) has been dedicated to helping consumers overcome the burden of debt, by providing them with the tools and resources they need to accomplish their goals. With 17 offices throughout Arizona and New Mexico, CCCS has helped thousands of clients achieve and maintain financial freedom. Through in-person credit counseling, educational programs, and debt management plans, CCCS provides a full range of products and services designed to meet everyone’s individual needs.

CCCS is a member of the Money Management International family of agencies. The organization is dedicated to providing consumers with high quality credit counseling and debt management solutions. CCCS is a member of the National Foundation for Credit Counseling (NFCC) and the Association of Independent Consumer Credit Counseling Agencies (AICCCA).

About MWC

Maricopa Workforce Connections (MWC) promotes and facilitates strategic alliances among public and private stakeholders within the Maricopa County to ensure workforce excellence and contribute to the economic vitality for area employers, incumbent and future workers. MWC is a division of the Maricopa County Human Services Department. Services are made possible via funding through the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998. Most services are provided to the community free of charge.

