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**No-Charge Personal Budget Workshops**

*Maricopa Workforce Connections offers Budget Basics Workshop to help job seekers manage personal finances.*

PHOENIX, Ariz. – Maricopa Workforce Connections is adding Budget Basics to the list of its no-charge workshops for job seekers in March. A full-service financial planner specializing in client education and individual financial solutions will offer guidance on establishing and managing a personal budget.

“An overwhelming number of the job seekers in the County’s One-Stop Career Centers ask for help in preparing a personal budget. We are not in the business of providing financial guidance but are in a position to make connections to those who are,” said Janet Lilly, MWC’s Training and Assessment Supervisor.

Salas Vision Financial will provide an hour-long workshop for job seekers in need of assistance establishing a basic personal budget. In addition, the workshop will cover:

- Examining financial position
- Controlling credit card/debt
- Managing taxes
- Minimizing risk

Job seekers are invited to attend Budget Basics workshops on March 20 or March 27 at either of MWC’s two comprehensive One-Stop Career Centers -- West Valley sessions will be offered from 10 to 11 a.m. and Gilbert sessions from 2-3 p.m.

Maricopa Workforce Connections’ West Valley Career Center is located at 1840 N. 95<sup>th</sup> Ave., Ste, 160, Phoenix, AZ 85037; its Gilbert Career Center facility address is 735 N. Gilbert Road, Ste 134, Gilbert, AZ 85234.

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**About MWC**

Maricopa Workforce Connections (MWC) promotes and facilitates strategic alliances among public and private stakeholders within 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. Services are provided to the community free of charge.