



Massachusetts Council on
Compulsive Gambling

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**COUNCIL OFFERS *FREE*
FINANCIAL EDUCATION WORKSHOPS**

Seminars will take place at locations throughout the State

BOSTON, MA – The Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling is pleased to announce that it will be offering free financial education workshops, made possible through a small grant from MoneyWi\$e, a joint financial education project of Consumer Action and Capital One.

During the months of November and December 2009, the Council, a trusted education and training provider, and financial literacy advocate for more than 25 years, will present 12 seminars at locations throughout the state. The workshops will be held before and after traditional work hours and during the lunch hour to increase accessibility. Following are the dates / times:

Boston—190 High St, Boston, MA 02110

Tuesday, November 10, 2009—5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Tuesday, November 24, 2009—8:00 am to 9:30 am

Metrowest—251 West Central St, Natick, MA 01760

Tuesday, November 3, 2009—8:30 am to 9:30 am

Friday, November 20, 2009—8:30 am to 9:30 am

North of Boston—Salem, MA (Location TBD based on interest)

Monday, November 16, 2009—7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Wednesday, December 2, 2009—8:00 am to 10:00 am

South of Boston—Brockton, MA (Location TBD based on interest)

Thursday, November 18, 2009—8:00 am to 10:00 am

Thursday, December 3, 2009—8:30 am to 9:30 am

Western Mass—Springfield, MA (Location TBD based on interest)

Thursday, December 3, 2009—5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Friday, December 4, 2009—8:00 am to 10:00 am

Worcester/Central area (Location TBD based on interest)

Tuesday, November 17, 2009—8:30 am to 9:30 am

Thursday, December 3, 2009—12:00 noon to 1:00 pm

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According to Council Program Director, Marlene Warner, “We are thankful for this grant, and for the opportunity to expand our financial planning program in a tough economic climate. Education is one of the best ways to prevent problems with gambling.”

Topics addressed during each session will be determined by the participants who will be asked to share feedback about preferences when registering. Topic modules to choose from include:

- *Building and Keeping Good Credit,*
- *Managing Your Money Wisely: Tracking Your Money,*
- *Banking Basics: You Can Bank on It,*
- *Put Bad Credit behind You: Improve Your Credit,*
- *Make Your Money Work for You: Saving to Build Wealth,*
- *Building a Sound Financial Foundation: Micro Business Basics,*
- *Just Say No! to Senior Scams,*
- *ID Theft and Account Fraud: Prevention and Clean Up,*
- *The Keys to Homeownership: You Can Buy a Home, Keeping Your Home: Tips for Successful Homeownership, Your Right to a Financial Fresh Start: Bankruptcy, and*
- *Talking to Teens about Money*

For more information or to register, please contact Peggie Milisci, Program Assistant, Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling at 617-426-4554 / peggie@masscompulsivegambling.org.

Founded in 1983, the Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling is a private, non-profit public health agency dedicated to providing leadership to reduce the social, financial, and emotional costs of problem gambling and to promote a continuum of prevention and intervention strategies including: information and public awareness, community education and professional training, advocacy, and helpline / referral services for problem gamblers, their loved ones and the greater community.

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