# Youth Financial Capability Resources

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# **Background on the Bureau**

Who we are

### The Bureau: Mission and Vision

### MISSION

To regulate the offering and provision of consumer financial products or services under the Federal consumer financial laws and to educate and empower consumers to make better informed financial decisions.

### VISION

Free, innovative, competitive, and transparent consumer finance markets where the rights of all parties are protected by the rule of law and where consumers are free to choose the products and services that best fit their individual needs.

# **Consumer Education and Engagement Division**

#### **Financial Education**

Provide targeted education content
Identify and provide effective financial education practices

#### **Consumer Engagement**

Create interactive, informative relationship with consumers

# • Improve financial protection

**Servicemembers** 

- Monitor complaints
- Coordinate with Department of Defense and other service organizations
- Audience: 2.2 million military personnel and 22.6 million veterans

#### **Older Americans**

- Protect against financial abuse
- Improve financial literacy
- Help planning for life events
- Audience: 50 million aged 62+

#### Students

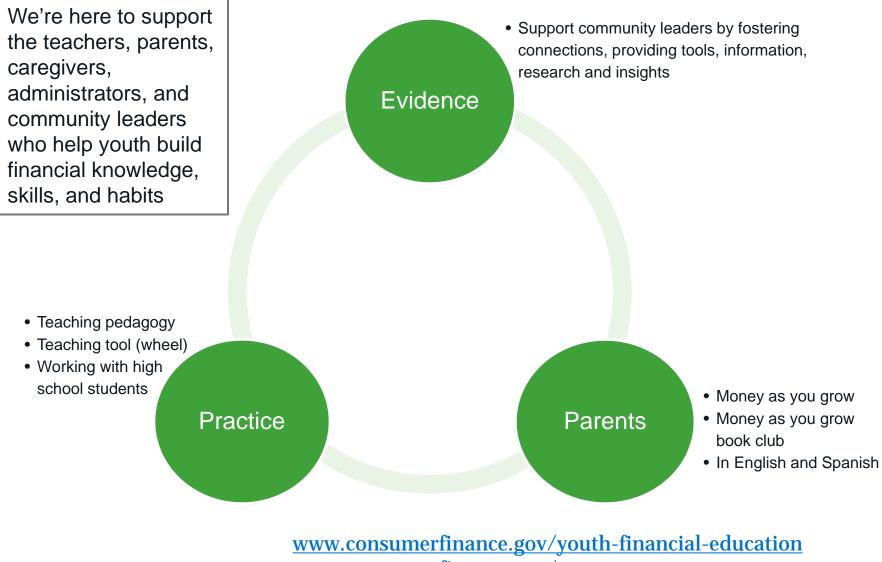
- Increase awareness of debt in college choice
- Monitor complaints
- Build campus awareness
- Audience: 22-28 million (age 16-26)

#### Financial

#### Empowerment

- Empowering economically vulnerable consumers to make informed financial decisions
- 68 million unbanked or underbanked
- Work with non-profit, public, and private organizations
- Audience: 33% of Americans earn less than twice the poverty line

## How we support youth financial education



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- Financial well-being: a state of being wherein a person can fully meet current and ongoing financial obligations, can feel secure in their financial future, and is able to make choices that allow them to enjoy life.
  - It is not how much you earn, it is about being able to make decisions with the money you have to allow you to experience peace of mind.

**Financial capability** is the capacity, based on knowledge, skills, and access, to manage financial resources effectively

# The four elements of financial well-being

- The Bureau created a first ever consumer-driven definition of personal financial well-being for adults
- Our research suggests that there are four elements of financial well-being:

	Present	Future
Security	Control over your day-to-day, month-to-month finances	Capacity to absorb a financial shock
Freedom of choice	Financial freedom to make choices to enjoy life	On track to meet your financial goals

## The Bureau's financial well-being scale

#### Questions

#### How well does this statement describe you or your situation?

- 1. I could handle a major unexpected expense
- 2. I am securing my financial future
- 3. Because of my money situation, I feel like I will never have the things I want in life
- 4. I can enjoy life because of the way I'm managing my money
- 5. I am just getting by financially
- 6. I am concerned that the money I have or will save won't last

#### How often does this statement apply to you?

- 1. Giving a gift for a wedding, birthday or other occasion would put a strain on my finances for the month
- 2. I have money left over at the end of the month
- 3. I am behind with my finances
- 4. My finances control my life

- Describes me completely
- Describes me very well
- Describes me somewhat
- Describes me very little
- Does not describe me at all
- Always
- Often
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never

### The Bureau's financial well-being scale score

### Find out your financial well-being

Answer ten questions to measure your current financial well-being and see steps you can take to improve it.



#### Your result

The result shown here is an example of a score calculation.



Your score is based on the answers to the financial well-being questionnaire. If you'd like to be able to answer the questions differently next time, see our suggestions and next steps.

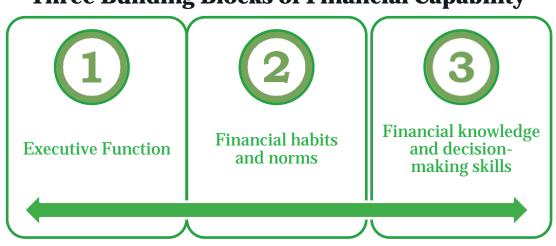
Review your answers

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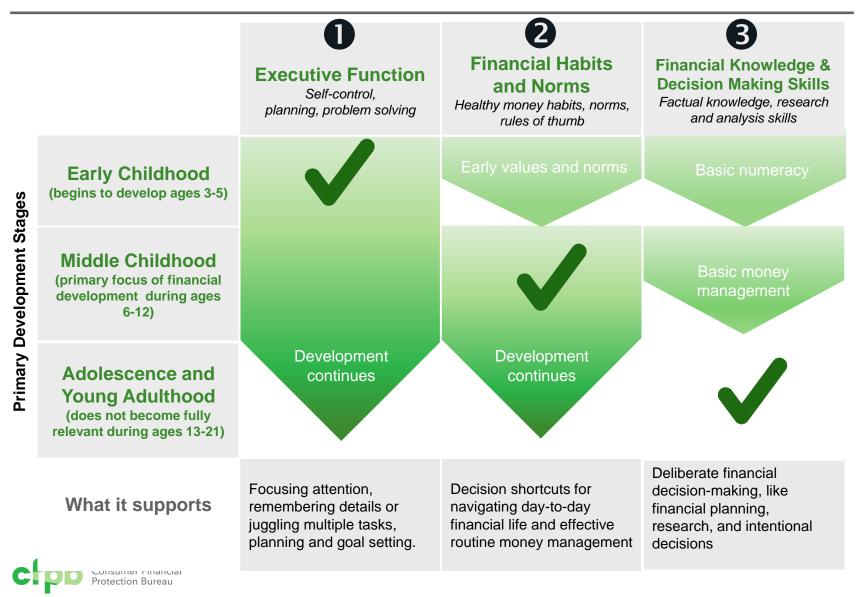
# Where and when during childhood and adolescence do people acquire the foundations of financial capability?

- We researched the childhood origins of financial capability and well-being
- We have identified how, when, and where youth acquire critical attributes, abilities, and opportunities that support the development of financial well-being
- We have created a developmentally informed, skills-based model
   Three Building Blocks of Financial Capability



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# Three Building Blocks of Youth Financial Capability



### **Building Block 1: Executive Function**

# What it is

### Self-control, planning, problem- solving

Future orientation, perseverance, planning and goal setting, general cognitive flexibility What it supports in adulthood

Examples of financial application in adulthood

Saving, setting financial goals, developing and executing budgets

develops ages 3-21

### **Building Block 2: Financial Habits & Norms**

# What it is

### Healthy money habits, norms, rules of thumb

Decision shortcuts for navigating day-to-day financial life and effective routine money management What it supports in adulthood

Examples of financial application in adulthood Having a system to pay bills on time

primary focus of financial development during ages 6-12

### Building Block 3: Financial Knowledge and Decision Making Skills

What it is	re	Factual knowledge, research and analysis skills	
Deliberate finan decision-making financial planning, r and intentional dec	What it supports in adulthood		
Examples of financial application in adulthood	Effective comparison shopping		

becomes fully relevant during ages 13-21

# Youth Personal Finance Pedagogy Opportunities to teach personal finance

# **Financial Education Pedagogy**

Our **Personal Finance Pedagogy** is a guide to teach personal finance skills to children.

The four (4) part pedagogy:

- Improve <u>executive functioning</u> skills such as planning and problem solving
- Create and encourage <u>positive financial habits</u> and effective money management
- Build <u>financial research skills</u> to compare and contrast options
- Design safe opportunities for youth to practice financial decision making

http://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/documents/092016\_cfpb\_PedagogyModel.pdf

## Money as You Grow: For parents and caregivers

#### Resources for parents and caregivers

Children learn from watching you earn, shop, save, and borrow you're the top influence on their financial lives. And you don't need to be a money expert to help them start out strong.





Developing executive function

Building money habits and values

Practicing money skills and decision-making

Make it easy for parents and caregivers to find tools, activities, and information

- New home for the popular moneyasyougrow.org site
- And more: blog posts, social media outreach, and e-mail

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# Money as You Grow book club



Alexander, Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday, by Judith Viorst



**A Bargain for Frances** by Russell Hoban



**The Berenstain Bears & Mama's New Job** by Stan and Jan Berenstain



**The Berenstain Bears Trouble with Money** by Stan and Jan Berenstain



**My Rows and Piles of Coins** by Tololwa M. Mollel



**Ox-Cart Man** by Donald Hall



**Sheep in a Shop** by Nancy Shaw



**The Purse** by Kathy Caple



A Chair for My Mother by Verna Williams



**Count on Pablo** by Barbara deRubertis



**Curious George Saves His Pennies** by Margaret and H.A. Rey



**Just Shopping with Mom** by Mercer Mayer



**Lemonade in Winter** by Emily Jenkins



**The Rag Coat** by Lauren Mills



**Those Shoes** by Maribeth Boelts



**Tia Isa Wants a Car** by Meg Medina

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# Money as You Grow book club: Parent Guides

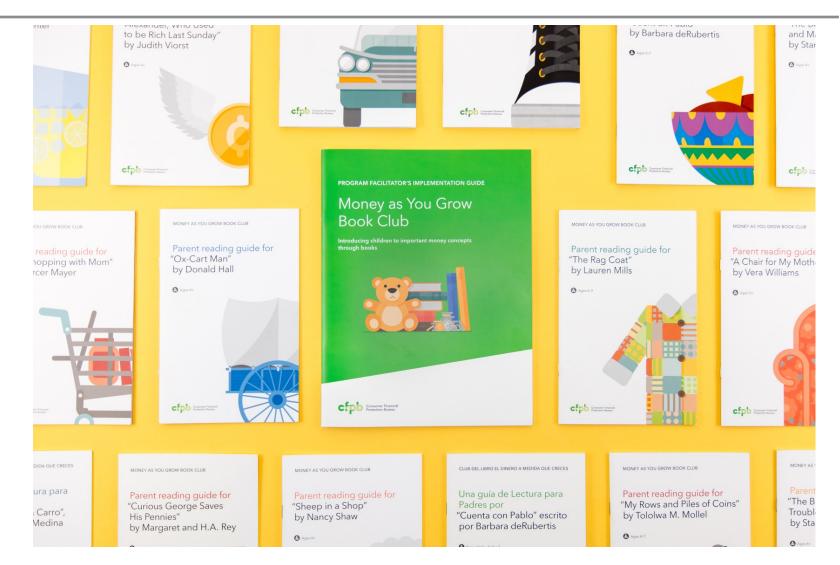


### What's inside the guides:

- The story
- Key ideas
- Something to think about
- Before you read
- Something to talk about
- Something to do (age specific)

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# Money as You Grow book club: Start your own!



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### Money as You Grow book club: Piloted in 2017



# What are the building block milestones?

- The building block milestones outline specific competencies for each building block and each developmental stage.
- Sample milestones include:
  - Does the child begin to demonstrate self-regulation, persistence, and focus? (Executive function)
  - Does the child begin to show a positive attitude toward saving, frugality, planning, and self-control? (Financial habits and norms)
  - Can the teen identify trusted sources of information and process that information? (Financial knowledge and decision-making skills)

**Goal:** To provide a wide range of stakeholders the means to assess young people's progress toward achievement of the building blocks milestones.

# **Our Youth Financial Education webpage**

Consumer Tools

Educational Resources

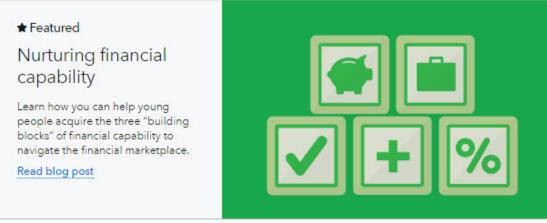
Data & Research

Policy & Compliance

About Us

#### Youth financial education

We're here to support the teachers, administrators, and community leaders who help students build financial knowledge, skills, and habits. The tools and resources listed here show recommended policies and practices for K-12 financial education.



#### Personal finance teaching tool

Identify teaching techniques and learning strategies to address the three building blocks that influence the development of lifelong personal finance decision-making skills.

Learn about this research-based model 🕒

Get started using the teaching tool 🗈

Using the tool to teach high school students 🗄

#### Curriculum review tool

Our Curriculum Review Tool helps you review and compare financial education curricula across four key dimensions, so you can select the most promising ones for your classroom.

Read the report

#### About us

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Find tools and thinking on consumer financial behavior and effective financial education practices.

Resources for financial educators

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# What's is the Curriculum Review Tool?

- You can use this resource to select curricula that are:
  - Accurate and unbiased
  - Demonstrably effective
  - Informed by <u>existing</u> financial education content standards & curriculum frameworks
  - Designed to help students develop a range of financial knowledge, skills, and capabilities.





https://www.consumerfinance.gov/practitioner-resources/youth-financial-education/curriculum-review

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Fees

audience or topic

Other credit card questions

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#### Credit cards

What is your question about?

Understanding a credit card bill

Applying for a credit card

Receiving credit card offers

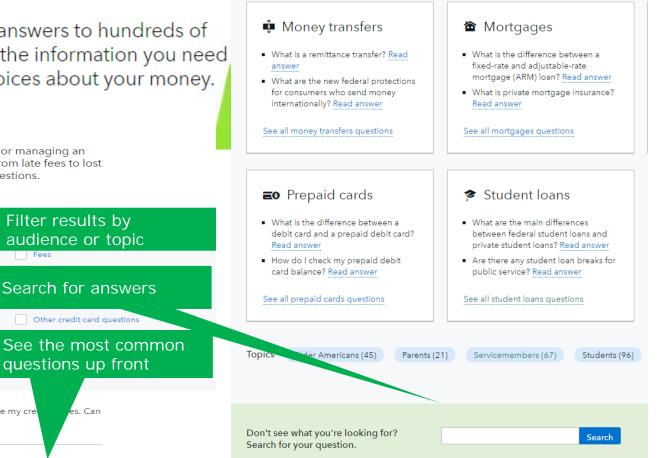
Paying a credit card bill

Interest rates

Servicemembers (8)

Whether you're shopping for a new card or managing an existing card, it helps to have the facts. From late fees to lost cards, get answers to your credit card questions.

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What is a credit card interest rate? What does APR mean? Read answer

Students (3)

I got my free credit reports, but they do not include my cre

I get my credit score for free too? Read answer

Older

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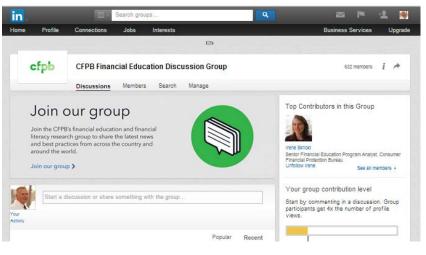


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