## Professionalization of the Field

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CASH Campaign of MD

#### **CASH** Campaign

CASH (Creating Assets, Savings and Hope) Campaign of Maryland:

Promotes programs, products, and policies that increase the financial security of low- to moderate- income individuals across the state.

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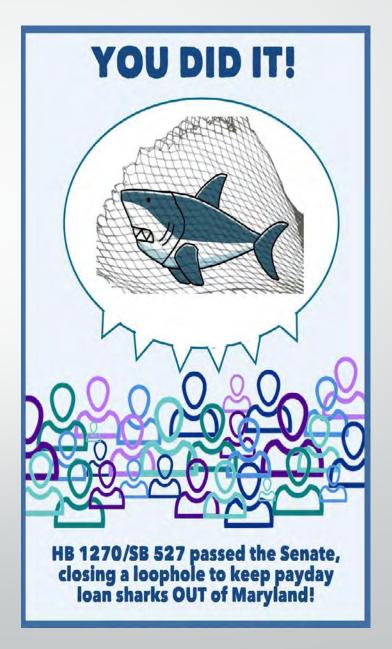
Creating Assets, Savings and Hope

#### Pay Day Loans

Interest, Fees and Charges capped at 33%

• Unsecured, open end credit plan

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#### VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance)

- 17 Jurisdictions
- 20,637 residents
- \$5.4 million in tax prep fees
- \$29 MILLION in refunds
- \$9.8 MILLION EITC



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### **Financial Coaching**

 Coach works with person on path to meet goals





## Professionalization of the Financial Education/Coaching Field Workgroup

- Financial Education and Capability Commission
- Financial Education Certifications/Standards
- Financial Coaching Certifications/Standards
- Standard Outcomes

### Education/Coaching

- The National Financial Educators Council
- Institute of Consumer Financial Education
- Center for Financial Certifications
- AFCPE
- Neighborworks

### Financial Education/Coaching Outcomes

#### CFPB Scale

#### CFPB FINANCIAL WELL-BEING SCALE ٠ Questionnaire Part 1: How well does this statement describe you or your situation? This statement describes me Completely Very well Somewhat Very little Not at all 1. I could handle a major unexpected expense 2. Lam 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

#### Part 2: How often does this statement apply to you?

This statement applies to me	Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
<ol> <li>Giving a gift for a wedding, birthday or other occasion would put a strain on my finances for the month</li> </ol>				۵	
8. I have money left over at the end of the month				0	
9. Fam behind with my finances					
10. My finances control my life					

## Financial Education/Coachin g Outcomes

#### CFS Financial Capability Scale

	Financial Capability Scale (FCS)		
1	. Do you <u>currently</u> have a personal budget, spending plan, or financial plan?		
	OYes ONo		
2	. How <u>confident</u> are you in your ability to achieve a financial goal you set for yourself today?		
	ONot at all confident		
	OSomewhat confident		
	O Very confident		
1	If you had an unexpected expense or someone in your family lost a job, got sick or had another emergency, how <u>confident</u> are you that your family could come up with money to make ends mee within a month?		
	ONot at all confident		
	OSomewhat confident		
	O Very confident		
4	b. Do you <u>currently</u> have an automatic deposit or electronic transfer set up to put money away for a future use (such as savings)?		
	OYes		
	ONo		
	5. Over the <u>past month</u> , would you say your family's spending on living expenses was <u>less than</u> its total income?		
	OYes		
	ONo		
(	j. In the last <u>2 months</u> , have you been charged a late fee on a loan or bill?		
	OYes		
	ONo		

#### Financial Education/Coac hing Outcomes

 CFSI Financial Health Components

#### Four Components and Eight Indicators of Financial Health

CFSI has defined four components of financial health: Spend, Save, Borrow, and Plan. These components mirror your daily financial activities. What you do today in terms of spending, saving, borrowing, and planning either builds towards or detracts from your resilience and ability to pursue opportunities. For example, will you be able to handle a car breakdown or an extra medical bill? Will you be able to save for college or go on your dream vacation?

> of Financia Health

> > Borrow

Save Save Vou are financially healthy when you... You are financially healthy when you... Spend 1. Spend less than income 2. Pay bills on time and in full 3. Have sufficient living expenses in liquid savings 4. Have sufficient long-term savings or assets 5. Have a sustainable debt load 6. Have a prime credit score Plan 7. Have appropriate insurance 8. Plan ahead for expenses

For each component, CFSI has identified two indicators of financial health.

#### Discussion

Would Maryland Benefit from Financial Educators Certification or Standards? Would Maryland Benefit from Financial Coaching Certification or Standards?

Would Maryland Benefit from Standard Outcome Measurements?