

**Missoula
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FSS & ROSS Newsletter

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Briana, Single Mom, Self-Sufficiency Extraordinaire

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Homeward Financial Fitness	April 18, 19, 20 6pm-9pm
Call	532-4663
HRC Youth Employment	Ages 16-24
Call	728-3710
Job Service Free Work- shops	April 17, 20, 25 2pm-4pm
Call	728-7060

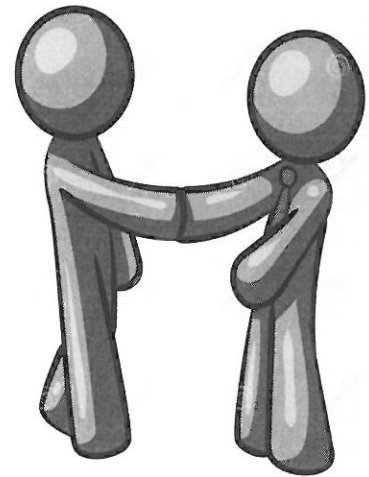
Health and Financial Tips

- Try to make dinner at home and plan your meals around grocery sales.
- Before making a purchase, evaluate whether it's a need or a want.
- Try an outdoor activity you've never tried before, foiling, biking, flying a kite, all great ideas!

Susan, FSS Graduate

Susan completed FSS in March! She was able to obtain employment at the Towne Mailer, gain life insurance and start a retirement account. She also worked to develop her creative design website all while saving over \$4,000!

Briana has come a long way. She began her connection with MHA in the Shelter + Care program, where she was housed after experiencing homelessness. Through supportive services and a lot of personal motivation, she was able to move off of the rental subsidy. When she became a single mother, she moved into a Public Housing unit and joined the FSS program shortly after. Again, her motivation set in and she was able to complete her initial goal of graduating at Missoula College with an AA in paralegal studies. She has gone on to obtain fulltime employment at the Public Defender's Office and has already saved over \$13,000 in her escrow account! She is appreciative of the support and encouragement she has received throughout her journey toward self-sufficiency. In her final year in FSS, Briana plans on paying off student debt and completing needed dental work. She is also working toward homeownership!



Missoula Job Service
Career Fair

April 27th 3-6 pm

Hilton Garden Inn

*Veterans Admission 2:30

A message from Homeword, PCC Member

Homeword uses sustainable methods to provide safe, healthy housing people can afford and strengthens community through housing counseling and education for those in need. We offer a full range of services to help you get ready to buy a home, be successful as a renter, learn ways to avoid foreclosure or simply manage your money better so you can reach your financial goals. As a HUD-Housing Counseling agency, our certified trainers enhance your learning by using professionals in the community to help teach our classes. These professionals volunteer their time to share their field of expertise with our class participants. Please visit homeword.org or call 532-4663 to find out more.

If you are interested in taking control of your finances, consider our free Financial Education program which teaches you everything from how to create a “bulletproof budget” to how to deal with credit issues, investments and save for emergencies and future goals. Our Get Ready for Home-Ownership class will walk you through the steps of buying a home, from how to select a lender to various financing programs. This class is a great place to start, even if HomeOwnership is a longer-term goal of yours. Lastly, our free Rent Wise program provides you with information about fair housing, renter rights and responsibilities, and how to find and keep good rental housing. All classes include free one-on-one counseling, and free childcare.

-Karissa Drye, Operations and Program Manager

“The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.”

H. Jackson Brown, JR

If FSS or ROSS is helping you and you'd like to share your story, contact your coordinator to be our next spotlight! 549-4113

Tamara Ext 121

Rebecca Ext 106

Sierra Ext 112

Ellie Ext 108

Summer is Coming!

Did you know that the Missoula Family YMCA and Parks and Recreation offer summer camps to families who qualify at a reduced rate? Call them or stop in to find out more!

YMCA—3000 S, Russell St. 728-9622

Parks and Rec—600 Cregg Ln. 721-7275

For Additional information about FSS or ROSS, please visit the MHA website: missoulahousing.org



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