

Dakota – Scott Financial Empowerment Resource Brief

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The Dakota – Scott Financial Empowerment Collaborative seeks to improve the financial literacy of people in Dakota and Scott Counties through a system of shared resources and information.

April is National Financial Literacy Month! Fun games like [Financial Football](#) and [Wise Pockets World](#) can teach about money management. Check out the [Dakota-Scott personal finance webpage](#) for more fun activities. The webpage connects with reliable resources and can also be accessed at www.dakotacounty.us search: personal finance

Upcoming Events

- The Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis is hosting a free webinar titled [Remittances: Protecting Consumers Who Are Sending Money Home](#), which is being presented by the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law. Speakers will discuss the important role that access to secure money transfer products has on connecting people to mainstream financial services. Information about the [FedGlobal](#) remittance product will be shared. The webinar takes place on Wednesday, April 25, from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM. Click [here](#) to register for the webinar.
- Minnesota Commerce Commissioner Mike Rothman and the Minnesota Interagency Work Group on Financial Literacy are convening the **Second Annual Financial Literacy Roundtable**. Learn more about the Interagency Work Group, share your work with more than 100 financial literacy advocates and discuss collaborative strategies. The event takes place on Monday April 30 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Neighborhood House, 179 Robie Street East, Saint Paul. Please RSVP by Friday April 27 by contacting Anne O'Connor at (651) 296-5140 or by email at anne.oconnor@state.mn.us.
- [Hit a Homerun for Financial Literacy Month](#) is an essay contest sponsored by Governor Mark Dayton, the Minnesota Twins, and the Minnesota Department of Commerce. All students in grades 3-5 are invited to submit a 300 word essay in response to this question: **What three steps can you take this month to make smart decisions with your money?** Send essays by Monday April 30 to Anne O'Connor at anne.oconnor@state.mn.us or by mail to Anne O'Connor, Minnesota Department of Commerce, 85 Seventh Place East, Suite 500, Saint Paul, MN 55101.
- An upcoming workshop will acquaint trainers with [Dollar Works 2](#) materials as well as increase personal knowledge and skills in teaching about connecting culture and money, assessing learner money skills, and evaluating Dollar Works 2 programs. The workshop will run from 9:00 AM to 3:45 PM on Thursday May 3 at the University of Minnesota UROC, 2001 Plymouth Avenue North, Minneapolis. [Pre-registration](#) is required. The \$50 registration fee includes lunch. A Dollar Works 2 curriculum will be available for review at the workshop with options for ordering. Contact Rosemary K. Heins, heins002@umn.edu 763-767-3879 or Cindy M. Petersen, peter210@umn.edu 612-625-3342 if you need additional information.
- A training to acquaint trainers with [Rentwise, a tenant education program](#) teaching participants how to be successful renters, will be held on Wednesday May 23 from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM at the Dakota

County Extension and Conservation Center, 4100 220th Street West, Farmington. The [registration](#) fee of \$50 per person includes lunch, and a facilitator manual on a CD as well as other print materials. Contact Rosemary K. Heins, heins002@umn.edu 763-767-3879 or Cindy M. Petersen, peter210@umn.edu 612-625-3342 if you need additional information.

- [Playing to Win](#) is a conference for urban youth ages 12-25 to learn about money management, entrepreneurship, economic development, college access and leadership skills. The event takes place on Wednesday June 27 and also includes a college fair and Minnesota Lynx game. This conference is sponsored by [Surviving the Game](#). More information can be found at www.survivingthegame.org.

Resources

- [The Future of Money in a Mobile Age](#) predicts that the convenience of “mobile wallet” systems will eventually lead to widespread adoption of these technologies for everyday purchases. This report is a project of the [Pew Research Center](#).
- [America Saves](#) has put together a resource packet entitled [The Importance of Credit History and Successful Saving](#). The packet contains a sample article, suggestions for social media content and tools and resources designed to communicate with others about the importance of credit history and successful saving.
- [Mini-Banks Provide Hands-on Education in Personal Finance](#) reports on how school-based, student-oriented banking operations can teach kids the fundamentals of saving. This article is found in the latest edition of the Federal Reserve Bank [Community Dividend](#).
- The **U.S. Treasury Department** has created a [user-friendly website](#) to help educate people on Treasury saving options such as savings bonds. The website can also be found at www.treasurydirect.gov/readysavegrow.
- The [Gallup-HOPE Index](#) is a national survey on the current state of entrepreneurship, innovation and financial literacy among fifth through twelfth graders.

Please forward any part of this resource brief to anyone you think may be interested in this information.

This twice a month brief is compiled by the Dakota-Scott Financial Empowerment Collaborative
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