



WABC's Need to Know: Events, Trainings, and Must-Reads for Asset Building Professionals

Week of January 4, 2021

Welcome to 2021! *There are just a couple of events this week, but several in the pipeline for the remainder of the month, and a few new “tools of the trade” to help you increase your knowledge and skills. Here’s to a MUCH better year ahead!*

Wednesday, Jan. 6th

Washington Budget & Policy Center’s Annual “Pies & Charts” – Reimagined! Join the Budget & Policy Center for their annual legislative session preview. This year, instead of in-person pies, the staff will provide pie-making tips and trivia alongside the critical information about what to expect in the 2021 legislative session.

Time: Jan. 6th at 3:00PM

Register for [Pies & Charts](#)

Thursday, Jan. 7th

Poverty and Hardship in Washington State: A Mid-Pandemic Update: Join the West Coast Poverty for a webinar that will include presentations on up-to-date estimates on poverty and material hardship in Washington State, followed by a discussion about how these trends are playing out across the state. Panelists will consider how policies and programs have responded to Washingtonians’ increased needs and what further measures are needed.

Time: Jan. 7th at 9:30am (NOTE: Pre-registration by 1/6 is required)

Register for [Poverty & Hardship in WA State: A Mid-Pandemic Update](#)

Mark Your Calendar:

2021 Poverty/Opportunity Federal Policy Landscape: Learn about the poverty and opportunity policy proposals most likely to get bipartisan traction in a new era of a Biden administration and a closely-divided Congress. The event will feature the voices of policy experts on both sides of the aisle and key topics will include COVID-19 relief to low-income communities, SNAP increases, family and medical leave, the continuing legislative battle over the Affordable Care Act, and more.

Time: Jan. 14th at 8:00am

Register for [2021 Poverty / Opportunity Federal Policy Landscape](#)

The Impact of COVID-19: Are we facing an eviction tsunami? Join Consumer Action for a webinar focusing on the affordable housing crisis. The webinar will feature Bridgett Simmons, an attorney with the National Housing Law Project, and Sam Gilman, co-founder of the COVID-19 Eviction Defense Project. This comprehensive webinar will cover all aspects of the eviction crisis, including what affordable housing is and why it is needed; what it means to be “rent burdened,” and the need to rethink affordability; the number of people in America at risk of eviction; comprehensive policy proposals to address the crisis, and rental assistance programs in response to COVID-19.

Time: Jan. 26th at 10:00am

Register for [Are we Facing an Eviction Tsunami?](#)

Coaching Competencies: Financial Security Coaching Practice: This 90 minute session is designed to hone the skills of financial coaches, as well as provide insight about the field of financial coaching for those who are considering becoming a coach. Participants will have the opportunity to coach a customer (case study) through the six financial security areas (Goals, Assets, Banking, Credit, Debt, and Taxes), and will make coaching decisions based on customer circumstances and best practices. Additionally, participants will receive immediate feedback on their proposed decisions, and will be able to ask questions and explore concepts discussed.

Time: Jan. 27th at 12:00PM

Register for [Coaching Competencies](#)

[Tools of the Trade](#)

New Study: Record Keepers’ Role in Solving the U.S. Emergency Savings Crisis:

Commonwealth has just released a new report looking at the role employers and record keepers can play in helping employees build financial security through emergency savings.

Download [Record Keepers’ Role in Solving the U.S. Emergency Savings Crisis](#)

Upskill Opportunity for Financial Coaches: The University of Wisconsin-Madison is offering coaching training programs throughout the year focused on skills and strategies for financial coaches. The workshop is designed as an introduction to financial coaching and can also be used as a refresher to practice and advance coaching skills. Beginning in February 2021, an online financial coaching foundations workshop will be offered on Tuesdays for 3 hours. Registration is \$245 for the entire series.

For more information, go to: [Financial Coaching Clinics](#)

[This Week’s “Must Read”:](#)

Governor’s budget a good start, but more must be done to meet urgent need: This is an excellent blogpost from our friends at the Washington Budget and Policy Center about the Governor’s proposed budget, which was released at the end of the year. Read this to get a better understanding of what’s ahead in the 2021 legislative session

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