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| **Profile:**   * Financial and life-skills educator * Creator of educational programs * Facilitated collaborations between financial, educational and government groups * Skilled public speaker * Experienced grant writer and fundraiser |

# Professional Experience

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| **INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT August 2018-Present**  Current projects:   * Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities MetroWest. Includes committee work and speaking engagement at Regis College on Anti-Racism and the social determinants of health. * Legislative advocacy: Successfully worked with partners for the passage of Bill S.2374 An Act relative to financial literacy in Massachusetts schools. * Strategic partnership Consultant MassHire Metro South/West WB * Develop and deliver financial education program for Massachusetts General Hospital Center for Community Health Improvement * Develop and deliver financial education program for the Federal Reserve Bank Boston * Develop and deliver financial education program for Framingham State University |
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| **American Consumer Credit Counseling (ACCC)**  **Community Outreach Team Lead and Trainer March 2010-August 2018**  **Community Outreach Coordinator October 2007-March 2010**  **Certified Credit Counselor October 1999-October 2007**   * Coached, counseled, and educated more than 100,000 people to improve credit scores, pay debt and purchase first homes. * Grew Community Outreach Department from inception to a team which taught 600+ personal finance workshops and provided one on one counseling to more than 10,000 people annually to diverse audiences throughout New England. * Developed curricula for financial literacy and life-skill workshops – examples include money management, understanding credit, consumer protection, home-buying and career development.   Sample Programs included:   * High school reality fairs for State House and Federal Reserve summer interns * Workshops for Young Parent Programs * Framingham Public Library “Thinking Money” teen financial literacy * Financial literacy course implemented at Lynn Public Schools * Provided financial education for Boston’s Youth Jobs Program * Partnered with programs within the Boston Mayor's Office of Workforce Development  1. Boston Tax Help Coalition - Trained approximately 100 staff and volunteers each year for the Boston Tax Help Coalition. Provided ACCC employees for financial coaching. Provided technical expertise for programming. 2. Boston Adult Literacy Initiative - Provided financial and job readiness education for English language learners. 3. Office of Financial Empowerment - Provided technical expertise for Boston Builds Credit and financial and life skills education; provided training for staff of Centers for Financial Empowerment (Roxbury Center and Jewish Vocational Services)  * Financial education workshops for Employment and Training Resource Centers * Founding partner of A Better Life (ABL), which strives to improve outcomes for state-aided public housing residents in the areas of employment, financial literacy, and education * Workshops as part of South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC) for the general public, homeless shelters and teen summer programs * Developed teacher trainings for pre-service to college financial educators with Jump$tart and Fidelity Investments * Financial education at Metro Credit Union for staff and credit union members * Developed partnership with RTN Credit Union to provide teen and workplace financial education * Developed financial education video series for Monson Savings Bank * Financial education training for United Way financial coaches- Massachusetts and Vermont * Operation Money Wise- Financial and life skills education for military families |
| * Created strategic plans to develop community partnerships with groups including K12 Schools, Employee Assistance Programs, The Federal Reserve Bank Boston, Massachusetts Department of Corrections, Metro Credit Union, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) |
| * Member of 4-person team who established Credit Counseling Department which grew to support approximately 140 employees and an annual revenue in excess of $10 million. Trained new employees to provide Homebuying Counseling, Budget Counseling, Personal Finance and Debt Management Services * Developed and implemented a strategy for national affiliate offices with ACCC Executive Management. * Increased ACCC public media exposure through television interviews on FOX news and New England Cable News (NECN) and recorded educational videos for ACCC website. |

# Certifications and Training

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| Certified Identity Theft Risk Management Specialist (CITRMS®) Institute of Consumer Financial Education **Certified Educator In Personal Finance (CEPF®)** The Institute for Financial Literacy  **Accredited Credit Counselor** Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education  **Dale Carnegie** High Impact Presentations; Leadership Training for Managers |

# Current Leadership Activities

**Massachusetts Jump$tart Coalition** President

**MassSaves (formerly MFEC Massachusetts Financial Education Collaborative)** Steering Committee Chair and Event Planning Chair

**Early Childhood Alliance Framingham (ECAF)** Steering Committee Chair

**Boston Career Connections (formerly Teens Connect)** Board member

# Co-Authored Publications

**The Consumer Financial Emergency Survival Kit** Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, New England Consumer Advisory Group

**Are Your Clients Losing Sleep Over Money Problems** Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), Alliance for Economic Inclusion

**The Youth Financial Education Fair Tool Kit** Office of the Massachusetts State Treasurer, Financial Education Fair Advisory Committee