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**Affordable Housing Providers in Princeton  
Present *FREE* Financial Literacy and Education Workshop with Prizes**

Providers of affordable housing in Princeton will host a Financial Literacy and Education Workshop for those who are current renters of low and moderate income housing or those who wish to apply to affordable rental properties in the area.

The FREE workshop will take place on Saturday, March 7, 2015 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and will be held in the Main Meeting Room at Witherspoon Hall, 400 Witherspoon Street Princeton NJ, 08540. A light continental breakfast will be provided at 8:30 am to those who pre-register for the workshop.

Staff from The Central Jersey Housing Resource Center (CJHRC) will be leading the workshop, along with support from several Princeton affordable housing providers. The workshop is made possible through the generosity of CJHRC and the Municipality of Princeton – Departments of Affordable Housing and Human Services; Princeton Community Housing (PCH); Housing Initiatives of Princeton (HIP); and The Housing Authority of Princeton. Spanish translators will be present to answer questions.

CJHRC will present real life examples to help participants learn more about: credit and credit scoring; budgeting and tracking expenses; tenant and landlord responsibilities; and important documents to keep/have. Questions from participants will be answered and information on available affordable housing in Princeton will also be provided.

While a credit score is not the only factor in the rental application process, it is a key factor for landlords. “Credit is an important topic, and the majority of landlords in our area charge \$25-\$55 per applicant for a credit check,” stated Christy Peacock, Princeton’s Municipal Housing Liaison. “This workshop will cover a lot of information on credit including what makes up a credit score, what is in a credit report and how to obtain a free copy of a credit report.”

The workshop is a result of feedback from the community. “During neighborhood meetings and in our conversations with applicants and residents, my colleagues and I have learned people need more information on how to resolve credit report inaccuracies, whether a family has been renting for 10 years or is just hoping to find an apartment for the first time in the next few months,” stated PCH Executive Director, Edward Truscelli.

Pre-registration is required by 3:00 pm on March 3, 2015 or until the workshop is filled. There will be prize drawings for participants who pre-register, attend the full workshop and turn in a completed evaluation. Prizes include a one on one credit counseling session with ISLES or Family Guidance Center, two local nonprofit agencies that provide credit and financial literacy training.

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