

# FSS NEWS

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## Youth Opportunity Showcase

***Louisville teens are invited to apply for jobs and find out about opportunities for job training, community service, education and recreation***

Saturday, February 9, 2008                      10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Muhammad Ali Center                      144 Sixth Street

(between Main Street and River Road)

### **JOB OPPORTUNITIES (ages 16 and over)**

**Dress for an interview and bring your I.D. and resume**

**\*\*Kentucky Kingdom \*\*Kroger \*\*Home Depot \*\*Norton Healthcare \*\*LGC Hospitality  
\*\*Marriott Downtown \*\*Louisville Metro Government \*\*Metro Parks \*\*Louisville Free Public Library  
\*\*Community Action Partnership \*\*Louisville Zoo \*\*Louisville Metro Public Health and Wellness  
\*\*TARC \*\*Office of Youth Development \*\*Belle of Louisville**

**For more information, contact KentuckianaWorks at (502)574-2500**

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February  
is  
Black History  
Month

# Financial Skills Class Schedule

## ECONOMIC LITERACY OUTREACH PROJECT

(Center for Women & Families—927 South Second Street)

(Presbyterian Community Center —701 South Hancock Street)

<u>Course #</u>	<u>Course</u>	Monday 6-8 @ CWF	Wednesday 12-2 @ PCC	Saturday 10-12 @ CWF
ELOP #3	Introduction to Banking and Savings Options	2/4/08	2/6/08	2/9/08
ELOP #4	Understanding Credit and Managing Debt	2/18/08	2/20/08	2/23/08
ELOP #5	Predatory Lending	3/3/08	3/5/08	3/8/08
ELOP #6	Insurance and Auto Purchase	3/17/08	3/19/08	3/22/08

**REMINDER: Evening class now being held on Monday!!**

**\*\*LATE ARRIVALS WILL NOT BE ADMITTED\*\***

**\*\*You MUST sign in to get credit for your attendance\*\***

**\*\*CHILDCARE IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE AT ANY LOCATION\*\***



**Energy Management  
Workshop**

**Wednesday, January 30, 2008**  
**At 6:30 p.m.**

**Oak & Acorn—Elderserve**  
**631 South 28th Street**

**Call 778-7418 to register**

# FSS Participants

Congratulations to FSS program graduate, [Anquanette Rodriguez](#).

(Kim Johnson)

Congratulations to [Kennette Middlebrooks](#) on the purchase of her new home and graduation from FSS program.

(Kim Johnson)

Congratulations twice over to [Laurie Sheckles](#)! She finished her FSS workshop requirement in December with the ELOP series,, and is working at the American Council of the Blind Thrift Store.

(Sandy Schardein)

Congratulations to FSS program graduate, [Marian Shamell](#).

(Sandy Schardein)

Congratulations to [Yvonne Thomas](#) on the birth of triplets on October 14, 2007. Their names are A'Naysia Thomas, Lee' Nayshia Thomas, and Ke'Von Thomas.

(Beatrice Richie)

Congratulations to [Araminta Gill](#) and [Sandra Billingslea](#) for graduating from the FSS program. Both women graduated January 15, 2008.

It has been my pleasure working with both women. Wishing both Araminta and Sandy continued success!!

(Teresa Davis)

Congratulations to [Demetra Williams](#) for completion of her GED. This is a major accomplishment. Keep up the great work!!

(Teresa Davis)

## “The Mind is a terrible thing to Waste”

[Damira Trabue](#) has received her GED after studying very hard and working part time as well as raising her child. Now Ms. Trabue will start studying Human Services at JCC.

[Shanneitha Snardon](#) graduated from OSH after three years in the program.

[Tommie Roper](#) is now working for Kentucky State Reformatory full time. Keep up the good work.

[April Richie](#) has been promoted to Office Manager on her job at Oral Health System LLC.

[Sheila Moore](#) finished her studies in Nurses Aid with a 94% average at Nurse Aide Training Center. Ms. Moore is waiting to take the state exam which we know she will pass.

[Veda McKinley](#) is now attending JCC full time.

[Angela Darden](#) is working on her Master Degree at Indiana Wesleyan University.

(Charlene Reeder-Welch)

## Crisis Utility Assistance

Applications will be taken starting January 7, 2008 and will continue until March 31, 2008 or *until funds are no longer available.*

**NOTE:** Applicants must be disconnected or have a disconnect notice to apply. If utilities are included in the rent, applicants must have an eviction notice from the landlord to apply.

### **BRING WITH YOU:**

- Picture ID
- Social Security cards for each person in the household
- Proof of previous month's gross income (current award letter, all previous month's pay stubs, etc.) or zero income statement (food stamp award letter, termination letter, etc.)
- Crisis Verification
  - Current disconnect notice (brown bill) from LG&E,
  - Within four days of running out of bulk fuel (propane, fuel oil, etc.) or
  - Eviction notice from the landlord, if utilities are included in your rent.

### **TO APPLY GO TO:**

**Urban Government Center: 810 Barret Avenue; (502) 574-1157**

Monday through Friday, 100 applications processed daily beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Seniors 55 years and over have priority on Fridays.

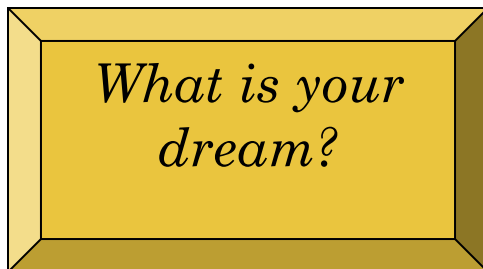
**East District: 4810 Exeter Avenue; (502) 574-1270**

Monday through Thursday, 50 applications processed daily beginning at 8:00 a.m.

**South District: 7219 Dixie Highway; (502) 574-1272**

Monday through Friday, 50 applications processed daily beginning at 8:00 a.m.

**For more information, call (502) 574-1157**



## ACT now!!

**FREE at the Main Library 301 York Street**

Princeton Review A.C.T. Practice Test

February 9, at 9:30 am

Follow-up Strategy Session

February 25, at 6 pm

Go to [www.lfpl.org](http://www.lfpl.org) to register or for more information.

## FREE Income Tax Services

This service, called Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), is provided at several sites within the community:

**Call 211 for hours & details on what to bring.**

Americana Community Center	4801 Southside Drive, 40214
Canaan Community Development Center	2840 Hikes Lane, 40218
Center for Accessible Living	305 W. Broadway, 40202
Louisville Central Community Center	1300 W. Muhammad Ali, 40203
Louisville Urban League	1535 W. Broadway, 40203
Metro United Way – Southwest	10926 Dixie Hwy, 40272
New Directions – O'Connor	5809 Russet Place, 40219
New Directions - St. Williams	1147 S. 17 <sup>th</sup> St., 40210
Office of Employment and Training	600 Cedar St., 40202
Portland Promise Center	1831 Baird St, 40203
Presbyterian Community Center (PCC)	701 S. Hancock St., 40203
Wesley House Community Center	5114 Preston Hwy, 40213

The certified preparers will help see if you qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). If you qualify, you can receive up to a \$4,700 credit.

You can file electronically and get direct deposit for free. You can get your return in around 3-14 days. It's your money and you can use it to pay off debt and build wealth!

## 2008 Education Summit

**February 23, 2008**

**8 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Central High School Magnet Career Academy**

**1130 West Chestnut Street**

- Continental breakfast and registration 8-9 am
- Summit activities 9-1pm
- Lunch provided
- No registration fee
- Pre-registration online at [www.lul.org](http://www.lul.org). Walk-ins welcome too!!

**\*\*\*If you have questions or want to find out how you can participate call (502) 566-3383.**

# EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) sometimes called the Earned Income Credit (EIC), is a refundable federal income tax credit for low-income working individuals and families. When the EITC exceeds the amount of taxes owed, it results in a tax refund to those who claim and qualify for the credit.

## You must meet the following EITC requirements:

\*\*Must have a valid Social Security

\*\*You must have earned income from employment or from self-employment

\*\*Your filing status cannot be married, filing separately

You must be a U.S. citizen or resident alien all year, or a nonresident alien married to a U.S. citizen or resident alien and filing a joint return.

\*\*You cannot be a qualifying child of another person

\*\*If you do not have a qualifying child, you must: be age 25 but under 65 at the end of the year. Live in the U.S. for more that half the year, and not qualify as a dependent of another person

\*\*Cannot file Form 2555 or 2555-EZ (related to foreign earn income)

## **Earned income and adjusted gross income (AGI) must each be less than:**

\*\*\$37,783 (\$39,783 married filing jointly) with two or more qualifying children;

\*\*\$33,241 (\$35,241 married filing jointly) with one qualifying child;

\*\*\$12,590 (\$14,590 married filing jointly) with no qualifying children.

## **Tax Year 2007 maximum credit:**

**\$4,716** with two or more qualifying children; **\$2,853** with one qualifying child; **\$428** with no qualifying children

## Grandparents/Relative Resource Fair

Thursday, January 31, 2008

Meal: 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Sessions: 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Cochran Elementary Link Family Resource Center

500 West Gaulbert

\*\*Childcare will be provided for ages 3-11

- Healthcare Access, Parenting Supports (Addressing Behavioral Concerns)
- Legal Issues, Community Resources, Navigating the Educational System



\*\*RSVP for the Meal and Childcare

\*\*RSVP for Interpreter or Translation Services

**Call Sue Wagner at 485-8844 or Jo Ann Kalb at 452-6341 ext 335**

## Diabetes Self-Management Series

These classes are free and are open to the public. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Wednesday, February 6** - Class Topics: Types of Diabetes, High & Low Blood Sugar, Sick Days

**Wednesday, February 13** - Class Topics: Diet and Exercise

**Wednesday, February 20** - Class Topics: Diabetes Pills, Insulin, Preventing Complications (Part 1)

**Wednesday, February 27** - Class Topics: Preventing Complications (Part 2), Foot & Skin Care, Glucose Monitoring and Standards of Care

**Location: Southwest Regional Public Library, 10375 Dixie Highway 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. (all 4 days).**

Please arrive 15 minutes early for first class to fill out paperwork. Attendance at all classes is encouraged.

Contact the Chronic Disease Prevention Team at (502) 574-6663 to register or send an e-mail to [Erin.VanGundy@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:Erin.VanGundy@louisvilleky.gov)

## Diabetes Support Group

Attendance is free and open to the public – *NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY*

2nd Thursday of every month, 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Park DuValle Community Health Center - 3015 Wilson Avenue

February's topic is Nutrition with Diabetes Conversation Maps

Contact the Chronic Disease Prevention Team at (502) 574-6663 if you have any questions.

## Weight Control Series

A 4-session series taught by a Registered Dietitian; meal plans provided.

Registration is required. Series is free and is open to the public.

**South Louisville Community Center – 2911 Taylor Blvd. – 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Monday, February 4** - Body fat check with brief 1-on-1 meeting (arrive anytime between 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

**Monday, February 11** - Weight Loss Secrets; Using Your Meal Plan; Grocery Strategies

**Monday, February 18** - Cooking Light; Eating on the Go

**Monday, February 25** - Common Pitfalls

Contact the Chronic Disease Prevention Team at (502) 574-6663 to register or e-mail [Erin.VanGundy@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:Erin.VanGundy@louisvilleky.gov)

# 2008 Metro Parks

## Youth Extravaganza Dance Competition

Saturday, March 29th at 2 p.m.

Iroquois Amphitheater

1080 Amphitheater Road (New Cut Road & Kenwood Drive)

\*\*\*Dance groups ages 6 to 18 are invited to join dancers from Metro Parks Community Centers for this dance competition. Teams from schools, churches and private studios can compete for trophies and city-wide bragging rights! The event encourages physical activity by celebrating all styles of dance, from basic jazz to hip hop.

**\$25 per group**

For registration/information: Beechmont Community Center	(502) 361-5484
California Community Center	(502) 574-2658
Baxter Community Center	(502) 574-2670

\*\*\*Registration began on Monday, January 7, 2008.

**Come and put your best foot forward!!**

### Partners in Promoting Family Self-Sufficiency

Louisville Metro Department of Housing & Family Services  
Division of Human Services  
Operation Self-Help/Family Self-Sufficiency  
810 Barret Avenue 3rd Floor  
Louisville, KY 40204  
Fax: (502) 574-6171 or 574-5548

Louisville Metro Housing Authority  
Special Programs / Family Self-Sufficiency  
801 Vine Street 3rd Floor  
Louisville, KY 40204  
Fax: (502) 587-1994



### To Apply For the FSS Program

If you live in public housing  
or scattered site,  
call Dan Farrell  
at 569-6902.

If you have Section 8  
rental assistance,  
call Amber Goddard  
at 569-6933.

FSS News is published monthly for and about participants in the Family Self-Sufficiency Program.

If you wish to contribute information about yourself, your children or community resources, contact your case manager or Legina Stoner at 574-1965. The deadline for the next issue is Friday, February 15, 2008.