

Forum Agenda

10:30-10:45 Welcome & Introduction
Meg Cole, *United Way of
Tompkins County*

10:45-12:30 **WISE -Work Incentive
Seminar Event**
Kevin Nickerson,
*Tompkins Workforce
New York*
Shammi Carr, *Challenge,
Tompkins Workforce
New York*



In an effort to promote the broader use of programs and incentives to assist individuals who have low income, or who are disabled, the Tompkins County Asset Coalition will host a panel discussion that will focus on several key programs and services that can assist individuals in improving their financial well being, as follows:

- Plan to Achieve Self-Support
- Individual Development Accounts
- Family Self Sufficiency Program
- Financial Literacy Education
- Medicaid Buy-In Program for Working People with Disabilities

Come hear about how individuals in Tompkins County have taken advantage of products and services that have allowed them to advance their financial, and employment goals.

3:30 **Thank You/Adjourn**
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Asset Coalition

Join Us!

Work Incentive Seminar Event And Panel Discussion

Learn about work incentives and asset building strategies, lunch will be provided!

Wednesday, November 9th, 2011
10:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Tompkins County Public Library
Borg Warner Room
101 East Green Street – Ithaca, NY

**Sign up at least five days in advance
if you need assistive aids or services**

Register with Shammi Carr
(607) 272-7570 x115, or
email scarr@tompkins-co.org

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Choose Earnings.
Choose Work.**

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Alternatives Federal Credit Union

www.alternatives.org

(607) 273-4611



VITA Free Tax Preparation ~ Free tax preparation is available for individuals and families with qualifying income.

Individual Development Accounts (IDA) ~ Special savings accounts provide matched savings and financial education to help qualifying people buy their first home, pay for college or start/expand a small business.

MoneyWise ~ This money management course provides people with the tools to address financial issues in their lives.

Challenge

www.aboutchallenge.org

(607) 272-8990



Employment Services ~ Provides services for students and adults with disabilities and other barriers to employment including: job readiness/work experience, job development /search support, job training and employment retention in community and Challenge-run businesses.

Benefits Advisement ~ This program helps individuals who receive Social Security benefits make informed choices about returning to work.

Lifelong

www.tclifelong.org

(607) 273-1511



RSVP Tax Counseling for the Elderly

Free tax preparation for seniors, people of low income, and people with disabilities.

Social Security Administration

www.socialsecurity.gov

(607) 256-3651

TTY (607) 256-7112

Information and assistance about benefit eligibility, enrollment and application processes: Medicare, Retirement, and additional benefits.



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Cornell Cooperative Extension of

Tompkins County

www.ccetompkins.org

(607) 272-2292



Cooperative Extension
Tompkins County

Consumer & Financial Management Education

~ Free educational opportunities to explore strategies and tools for managing personal finances and making informed consumer choices. These options include workshops, One-on-One education with a money management educator, the Consumer Help Line, Monthly Consumer Issues Program.

Finger Lakes

Independence Center

www.fliconline.org

(607) 272-2433



Services include advocacy, information and referral, peer counseling, benefits advisement, assistance developing independent living skills, and information for people with disabilities transitioning from high school.

Ithaca Housing Authority

www.ithacaha.org

(607) 273-8629



The mission of the Housing Authority (IHA) of the City of Ithaca, NY, is to operate a socially and financially sound agency that assists area low income families and individuals with safe, decent, and affordable housing opportunities and related services as they strive to achieve self-sufficiency and improve the quality of their lives.

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Tompkins Community Action

www.tcaction.org

(607) 273-8816



Family Self-Sufficiency

This program helps eligible families achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency through education, employment, financial management and home ownership resources. Participants are offered a chance to earn an escrow account based on earned income.

Tompkins Workforce New York

www.tompkinsworkforceny.org

(607) 272-7570

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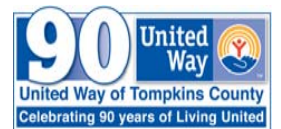
Disability Resource Coordinator ~ Provides assistance to customers with disabilities in accessing resources to return to work.

Community Work Incentives Coordinator ~ Access to Work Incentives planning and assistance.

United Way of Tompkins County

www.uwtc.org

(607) 272-6286



Working with others, we are building an organization that supports individuals in their efforts to live self-sufficient, productive lives, connects families with their communities, encourages diverse agencies and communities to engage each other to achieve mutual goals, and models and expects fairness, dignity, and respect.