

State Employee Financial Wellness Program



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America Saves Week 2025: Saving For Your Past, Present, and Future.

Since 2007. America Saves Week has been an annual celebration as well as a call to action for everyday Americans to commit to saving successfully and reducing debt. During America Saves Week, April 7-11, individuals and families make a commitment to get a clear view of their finances. We encourage you to take the America Saves Pledge to help people create a simple goal-based savings plan with ongoing support, encouragement, and resources delivered via email and text as they work toward their goals. Check out this video, hosted by Amy Miller to learn more about America Saves Week 2025!



Virginia Retirement System®

America Saves Week Is Just Ahead

Unexpected major expenses, such as a car repair or furnace replacement, can push your finances into the red. Setting up and sustaining an emergency savings fund helps you prepare for sudden jolts to your wallet. Watch <u>How to</u> <u>Contribute to an Emergency Fund</u> and put this money-wise strategy into action. Just <u>log in to your</u> <u>myVRS account</u> and select Financial Wellness.

Quote

"What do you call a person who is happy on a Monday? Retired." - Unknown All About That Money Tuesdays

Saving for your Future Self

Have you thought about your financial future lately? Whether you're planning for retirement, seeking a second career, or looking to spend your later years traveling the world, it's never too early to begin saving for your future self. Join us on April 8th at 12 p.m. for this live event. Scan below to register for this live event!

> Registration - Saving for Your Future Self Live Webinar



Virginia Employee Discount Marketplace

This April, your savings marketplace is here to help you achieve your goals with a wide range of exclusive offers! Planning your next getaway? Enjoy 12% off Knack Bags, the perfect expandable bags for seamless travel, plus up to \$1,500 onboard credit on cruises and up to 20% off flight reservations. Take care of your everyday needs and entertainment with your savings marketplace! Prepare for tax season with an extra 20% off TurboTax, making tax preparation easier and more affordable. Looking to enhance your well-being? Your employee discounts marketplace also provides savings on Disney experiences, with adult tickets priced at child rates for 3+ day non-Florida resident tickets. Click Below To Access the Discounts Marketplace

https://commonwealthofvirginia.savings.workingadvantage.com/home



EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

All health plans offered to state employees and their dependents have employee assistance programs (EAPs). Included are up to four sessions at no charge for such services as mental health, alcohol or drug abuse assessment, child or elder care, grief counseling and legal or financial services.

Learn More Here

Stay Tuned To News From.. the Commonwealth Mentoring

Program (CMP), which is expanding and searching for state employees who would like to serve as Mentors and Mentees during the next cohort! The application for the 2025-2026 CMP Cohort starts on May 1st and runs through July 31st. The 2025-2026 cohort officially kicks off on September 3, 2025, so click <u>here</u> for the eligibility details and get ready to embark on your career development journey. Also stay tuned for future information about the leadership development and financial mentorship sub-cohorts!

Virginia Department of Treasury's Unclaimed Property Division

Have you checked to see if you're missing out on money? TRS offers a user friendly website and the secure document upload feature, making claiming your funds quicker than ever before! Unclaimed property can include dormant bank accounts, uncashed checks, stocks and dividends, insurance proceeds, refunds, and more. Visit the free search site to check your name and start the claims process. Search for Missing Money! https://vamoneysearch.gov/

Virginia State Employee Assistance Fund (VSEAF)

The Virginia State Employee Assistance Fund provides grants to eligible state employees suffering from a financial crisis or an unplanned emergency/or unplanned event that impacts the employee or family members living in the residence of the employee. The VSEAF is a recognized 501c(3) charity member of the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign (CVC), Code 203040.

See If You Qualify!

VACU'S BANZAI. April's rewards bundle focuses on Financial Wellness. The Financial Wellness Assessment analyzes your spending, budgeting,

and saving habits so you can reflect on how you're currently managing personal finances. As you progress through the activities for the month of April, you will have the chance to win cash and other giveaways. Most importantly, we aim to provide you with the peace of mind that comes with financial literacy and preparedness. Visit <u>April's activity</u> to start winning rewards while learning about Financial Wellness.