

State Employee Financial Wellness Program



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BANZAI, is back and with more chances to win! We are excited to bring back our interactive took, designed to empower you on your journey to financial confidence. Februarys' module is on Budgeting & Taxes! As you progress through the activities for the month of February, you will have the chance to win cash and other giveaways. Most importantly, the intent is to provide you with the peace of mind that comes with financial literacy and preparedness.
Proceed to the link below to learn more.
Banzai - February Financial Wellness Activity



January 2025 Zane Richardson, VDSS \$100 Amazon Gift Card



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Take the Stress Out of Tax Prep

Does the thought of completing your tax forms cause you to break out in a cold sweat? Before you tackle this annual chore, take a deep breath and read <u>Getting</u> <u>Started with Filing Your Taxes</u> for tips to guide you through the process. Just <u>log into your myVRS</u> <u>account</u> and select Financial Wellness.

Quote

"Retire from work, but not from life." — M.K. Soni All About That Money Tuesdays

Plan Your Financial Date Night

There's nothing more romantic than... talking about your finances? Getting on the same page money-wise with your partner will help set the strong groundwork for your relationship, helping you reach your combined goals faster. Grab your favorite beverage and make a night of it with your partner! Watch this video with Sabrina Guerin, Sr. Financial Educator from Virginia Credit Union to plan your next money move as a couple. February 18th. - Then join Sabrina live at 7p.m. to test your knowledge from your financial date night session with a fun interactive game night focused on your finances. Grab your favorite beverage and make a date night of it with your partner! Join the Game Night here: Couples with the highest score will be rewarded dinner for two to celebrate

your win!

Virginia Employee Discount Marketplace

Ready for Spring? The holiday season has come and gone, and now it's your time to re-discover what the employee discount marketplace is all about! Find exclusive savings and discounts on upcoming live shows, movie tickets, free museum access, mortgage discounts, and so much more!

Proceed to the link below to register or sign-in to your account.

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

Public Service Loan Forgiveness

Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program (PSLF). State employees may be eligible for the federal government's Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program. Keep reading to see whether you might qualify. The PSLF Program forgives the remaining balance on your Direct Student Loans after you have made 120 qualifying monthly payments under a qualifying repayment plan while working full-time for a qualifying employer. Please direct your questions to the federal program site. <u>Click here</u> to learn more.

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/

2025 Employee Financial Wellness Fair

Coming in March!