State Employee Financial Wellness Program



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Happy New Year!



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Check out **BANZAI**, a financial wellness tool designed to empower employees on their journeys to financial confidence. Employees will have access to a comprehensive wellness center that provides educational content on a wide range of topics including insurance, taxes, credit management, home buying, retirement planning, and more. As employees progress through the activities, they'll have the chance to win cash prizes, tickets, and other giveaways sponsored by VACU. Proceed to the link below to learn more.

https://dhrmvirginia.banzai.org/wellness



Already Thinking About Spring Break?

If you're dreaming of a springtime getaway, check out "<u>5 Budgeting</u> <u>Tips for Your Family for Spring</u> <u>Break</u>." Discover how to save on vacation purchases—and why you may want to avoid tourist hotspots. For more tips, <u>log in to your myVRS</u> <u>account</u> and select Financial Wellness. All About That Money Tuesdays

New Year Financial Health Score (Self-Guided)

Track the progress of your financial health and get your new year's financial health score.

Click on the link below to access the <u>Financial Health Survey</u>:



Virginia Employee Discount Marketplace

Can you feel the crisp in the air? The holiday season is finally here, and now it's your time to discover what the employees discount marketplace is all about! Find exclusive savings and discounts on live shows, movie tickets, Verizon, mortgages, and much more!

The Virginia Employee Discount Marketplace (VEDM) is here to help you keep a stocking full of savings this holiday season.

Proceed to the link below to register or sign-in to your VEDM 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/

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.

