

State Employee Financial Wellness Program



MARCH 2025



Boost Your Financial Wellness: In-Person and Virtual Fairs in March!

The DHRM Office of Workforce Engagement is excited to host Employee Financial Wellness Fairs in March, designed to help you take control of your financial future! **In-Person Fair**: Join us on <u>March 12th</u>, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the James Monroe Building, 1st Floor, Conference Rooms C & D, Richmond, VA. Come meet representatives from various organizations offering valuable financial products, services, advice, and answers to your questions.

Can't make it in person? No problem! We're also hosting a virtual fair on March 13th, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Click below to register!

Virtual Financial Wellness Fair Registration



Virginia Retirement System[®]

Tackle Taxes With Confidence

Does the thought of completing your tax forms lead to procrastination? 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

"Retirement is like a long vacation in Las Vegas. The goal is to enjoy it the fullest, but not so fully that you run out of money." - Jonathan Clements All About That Money Tuesdays

Build a Better Budget

A budget is only useful if you actually stick to it. We get it, easier said than done. In this <u>video</u>, we'll help you make a budget that fits your life and a few tried-and-true ways to make it to work long term. Set goals, create a budget, look at spending speed bumps, and more.

On March 11th, join us a live webinar, "Building Financial Resilience When Life Happens" Description: Unravel the secrets of withstanding when seasons of life impact finances. Rebuilding a strong financial foundation for the future is possible! Scan below to register!



Virginia Employee Discount Marketplace

Employees can save \$10 on every \$100 spent in the marketplace with promo code Appreciation2025. It's our way of helping you to say "thank you" for all that you do!

Throughout the month, employees can enjoy exclusive discounts on spring travel packages, tax preparation services, and everyday essentials. Employees can even earn 4x FunLife Rewards points on eligible purchases made between March 3-9, 2025. 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/

VACU's <u>BANZAI</u>, 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. <u>March's module is on Auto Purchase!</u> As you progress through the activities for the month of March, 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. **Proceed to the link below to learn more.** <u>Banzai - March Financial Wellness Activity</u>



February 2025 - Couple's Financial Date Night Winner, Emily Black-James Madison Univ.