



## School Programming Possibilities

Through Indiana MoneyWise, Indiana Secretary of State Connie Lawson offers financial fitness and fraud prevention programming to audiences of all ages, statewide. Indiana MoneyWise provides interactive learning experiences, tools, and resources to educators, and our outreach coordinators can travel to your classroom to provide programming directly to the youth you serve. Here's a sampling of our programming.

**Pet Sense Magical Creatures** – This is a game that teaches children how to budget by using magical creatures from the world of Harry Potter. Children adopt imaginary pets and use an assigned “allowance” to make purchasing decisions for pet supplies. We throw in an emergency expense, and children will be faced with the dilemma of being able to afford a trip to Hogsmeade.

- Suggested Time: 15-45 minutes (depending on group size, math skills, and the amount of discussion that takes place)
- Content: budgeting
- Recommended Ages: grade school
- Ideal Audience Size: any size

**Financial Fitness Reading Program** – We encourage children to read books with financial messaging and complete a few activities. When children complete the program they'll receive a piggy bank from the office of the Indiana Secretary of State. We can even customize “Honorary Secretary of State” certificates upon request. Suggested books and activities may be substituted depending on availability.

- Suggested Time: several weeks or months (depending on reading skills and how much time children have for reading)
- Content: budgeting, earning money, saving money
- Recommended Ages: we have two versions, K-2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>
- Ideal Audience Size: any size

**Financial Football** – This is a game that's available online, but can be fun to play in teams. The fast-paced, interactive game is competitive and helps children learn money management skills. Teams compete to answer finance questions to gain yardage and score touchdowns.

- Suggested Time: 15-45 minutes
- Content: general financial fitness
- Recommended Ages: there are three versions, 11-14, 14-18, 18+
- Ideal Audience Size: 20 or less (teams are recommended)

**Financial Fitness Jeopardy** – Just like traditional Jeopardy, but the questions are money skills themed. This game allows for added discussion and in depth learning. It's ideal for teenagers (great for adults too).

- Suggested Time: 30-60 minutes (more time is needed for larger groups)
- Content: saving, investing, banking, fraud, credit cards, credit score, paying for higher education, taxes, insurance, buying a home
- Recommend Ages: teenagers and adults
- Ideal Audience Size: 20 or less (if more than 20, groups are necessary)
- Discussion is increased by rewarding with trinkets or candy.



**Fraud Fighting Force** – Children love escape rooms, and we have created a simulation that uses many of the best parts, such as locks and secret codes. Children are told they have a chance to join a superhero team known as the Fraud Fighting Force, but they must first prove their worth by passing a series of tests. In the process of playing, children learn how to spot the red flags of fraud so they can avoid becoming victims of a financial scam.

- Suggested Time: 15-30 minutes (depending on ages and group size)
- Content: financial fraud prevention
- Recommended Ages: 5<sup>th</sup> grade and older
- Ideal Audience Size: participants should be divided into teams if there is a large audience (4-5 per team)

**Indiana MoneyWise BINGO** – Just like regular BINGO, only instead of simply reading numbers and letters, we provide fraud prevention tips along the way.

- Suggested Time: 30-60 minutes
- Content: financial fraud prevention
- Recommended Ages: teenagers and adults
- Ideal Audience Size: participants should be divided into teams if there is a large audience

**How to Avoid Getting \$CAMMED** – This is a Prezi presentation developed by our office to teach teenagers and adults about various forms of financial fraud. We cover several popular scams, such as the IRS scam, grandparent scam, tech support scam, and Ponzi schemes. We discuss the methods of persuasion used by con artists. We also talk about checking credit reports and how to set-up a security freeze in order to defend yourself against identify theft.

- Suggested time 45-60 minutes
- Content: financial fraud prevention
- Recommended Ages: teenagers and adults

We encourage you to check out the Educational Resources page of our website: <http://bit.ly/IMWEducationalResources>. To schedule a visit to your school by one of our outreach coordinators, please contact Kelly Griese and/or Kylee Hale.

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