

CYFAR Guiding Principles Crosswalk- Money Habitudes

Guiding Principles and Money Habitudes Descriptors Physical and Psychological Safety Understanding money is important for all teens. Even basic financial competence can improve 1. Program emphasizes safe and healththeir relationships as well as help them attain promoting facilities and practices that goals for lifestyle, education, career and family. increase safe peer group interaction But technical knowledge about money isn't and decrease unsafe or confrontational enough. In real life, it is often hidden attitudes peer interactions. that dictate how people actually spend, save and think about money, regardless of financial skills • Programs that teach skills related to or economic status. Money Habitudes for Teens conflict resolution, coping, focuses on exploring the "human side of money." managing feelings, healthy habits, health risk management, etc.



Appropriate Structure

- 2. Program encourages limit setting, clear and consistent rules and expectations, firm enough control, continuity and predictability, clear boundaries, and age-appropriate monitoring.
- Programs that provide clear and consistent program structure and appropriate adult supervision.
- Programs that provide consistent monitoring and enforcement of rules and expectations.
- Programs that structure staffing patterns according to age appropriateness.
- Programs that screen staff and volunteers according to state guidelines.
- Programs where input from teens is sought on program development.

Supportive Relationships

- 3. Program encourages and models warmth, closeness, connectedness, good communication, caring, support, guidance, secure attachment, and responsiveness.
 - Programs where staff and volunteers have appropriate backgrounds and experiences related to the children with whom they will work.
 - Programs that utilize strategies to assure staff stability (low turnover).

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Opportunities to Belong

- 4. Program integrates opportunities for meaningful inclusion regardless of one's gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or disabilities; social inclusion; social engagement and integration; opportunities for sociocultural identity formation; and support for cultural and bicultural competence.
 - Programs that are designed to allow all teens to participate.
 - Programs that are easily adapted to special needs or diverse audiences.
 - Programs that fit the needs/interests of the target audience.
 - Programs that provide opportunities to recognize teens for accomplishments.
 - Programs that contain culturally appropriate activities and involve parents and community groups in programming.

In 5 lively lessons, *Money Habitudes*® *for Teens* explores how people behave around money, and why this matters to teens – especially in their own lives. For example:

- How money works and affects our lives.
- Different approaches to handling money spontaneous, practical, carefree, security, generous, and more.
- The symbolism of money as a sign of power, status, love, safety, independence, spontaneity, loyalty and more.
- The influence of family, media, culture, and life events on habits and attitudes.
- The advantages and challenges of different approaches to money.

A key goal is helping teens to understand their individual financial patterns. The *Money Habitudes® for Teens* card game, integrated into the lessons, offers a fun, engaging way to uncover this information. The game also helps build awareness of their values, and reveals new choices in many areas of their lives.

Money Habitudes® for Teens is designed for middle and high school classes, as well as community settings. The course is effective as a stand-alone introduction to money or a companion program for Financial Literacy programs.

Lesson 1: Why Does Money Matter

- Discover why money matters.
- List four barriers that keep teens from reaching financial literacy.

Lesson 2: Money Habitudes

- Define a habitude.
- Name the six sources of messages that influence how your money habitudes develop.



• Give at least one example of how these messages have influenced the way you manage your money

Lesson 3: Money Habitudes Solitaire

- Identify your own mix of money habitudes and if you have a dominant habitude (four or more cards in one habitude).
- Determine the messages that influence how you use money.
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Positive Social Norms

- 5. Program provides rules of behavior, expectations, injunctions, ways of doing things, values and morals, and obligations for service.
 - Programs designed to allow for appropriate interaction between staff and teens and between teens and group.
 - Programs in which activities are not stand-alone but fused with program outcomes.
 - Programs that offer service learning/civic engagement activities.
 - Programs that offer intergenerational activities

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Support for Efficacy and Mattering

- 6. Program emphasizes support for efficacy and mattering: youth- based empowerment practices that support autonomy, making a real difference in one's community, and being taken seriously. Program practices empower, enhance responsibility, and promote meaningful challenge.
 - Programs that provide opportunities for teens to be self-directing, autonomous, empowered, or demonstrate self-worth.
 - Programs that include opportunities for self- selecting activities and events in which to participate.
 - Programs that provide opportunities for leadership in planning and conducting an event.
 - Programs that encourage youthadult partnerships.

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Opportunities for Skill Building

- 7. Program provides opportunities to learn physical, intellectual, psychological, emotional, and social skills; exposure to intentional learning experiences; opportunities to learn cultural and media literacy; communication skills; preparation for employment; and opportunities to be active citizens in the community.
 - Programs that focus on developing life skills in teens and infusing diversity across the program.
 - Programs that provide opportunities for service learning and civic engagement that are teen directed.

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Targeted Audiences

- 8. Program customizes efforts to target audiences based on community demographics, needs, and assets.
- Programs that target high- priority community needs and audiences.
- Programs that are initiated and developed on specific, identified community needs and assets.

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