

Financial Empowerment Center



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**Akron
Financial
Empowerment
Center**

*Free One-on-One
Financial Counseling*



DANIEL HARRIGAN, MAYOR



The Financial Empowerment Center is a program of the City of Akron in partnership with United Way. We support individuals and families to help them achieve their financial goals.

More stable families mean better neighborhoods, children with fewer distractions from school and more people with the power to invest in their own communities. And what's good for our community is good for local business too, as higher standards of living help recruit and retain a talented workforce.

We're here to help!

CALL 2-1-1

or 330-376-6660 to set up a
free appointment or visit
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The Financial Empowerment Center provides:

Amy & Harry

Amy and Harry were struggling. "We were falling behind on all of our bills," says Amy. "We could barely make our mortgage payment, our car payments. We were taking out payday loans to try to make ends meet."

Meeting regularly with a financial coach taught them ways to better track their spending habits and develop a plan to get out of debt. Within eight months, Amy and Harry paid off their payday loans and caught up on all their bills. They have a savings account and are working to build their savings so that if they ever run into financial trouble again, they won't have to resort to costly loans.

By maintaining healthy spending habits, they're hoping to save up enough money to buy a new home closer to their son's school.

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FREE ONE-ON-ONE FINANCIAL COACHING

Our professionally trained coaches focus on these areas:

- Credit Score Improvement
- Debt Reduction
- Increased Saving
- Budgeting

All financial coaching services, including credit report analysis, are provided free of charge to any adult living in Summit & Medina counties regardless of income level.



CONNECTION TO SAFE AND AFFORDABLE BANKING

Bank On Rubber City partners with financial institutions to expand access to low-fee checking accounts.

Establishing a checking account is the first step in:

- Depositing earnings securely
- Paying bills efficiently
- Saving money
- Accessing affordable credit



FREE TAX PREPARATION

Households earning less than \$60,000 per year are eligible for free tax preparation through United Way's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA).

Our program helps:

- Claim thousands of dollars in tax benefits
- Save the cost of paying commercial tax preparers
- File back taxes or amended returns



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