# Update on the Racine FEC to City of Racine Affirmative Action & Human Rights Commission October 14, 2021



Racine Financial Empowerment Center

Free One-on-One Financial Counseling



www.racinefec.org





The Racine FEC is here to help you and your family achieve your financial goals!

- Reduce debt
- Improve credit
- Increase savings
- Create & manage a budget
- Open safe, affordable bank accounts
- Take control of your financial future

All FEC financial counseling is FREE, confidential, and open to all City of Racine residents.

Schedule your first counseling appointment today!









### **Key Facts about the Racine FEC**

Racine Financial Empowerment Center

- 1 100% Free
- Professionally trained, certified financial counselors
- No income restrictions
- 4 All counseling is 1:1
- 5 100% confidential & secure
  - 6 Part of a national, proven model





## Clients & Demographics 10.14.21

145

Our 2 financial counselors have already served 145 City residents

4% 21.3% 53.1% African Multiple Hispanic or American Races Latino 77% 31% 35% **Female** Age 21-35 Age 36-45 75% 63.4% 45.4%

**Employed** 

full-time

57.9%

Renters

of Clients Have Already Had 2+ Sessions with their FEC Counselor

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**Impacted** 

by COVID



#### Outcomes Achieved 10.14.21

\$129,0	007
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**Total debts reduced** 

\$73,451

**Total savings increased** 

65

Delinquent accounts reduced

20

Clients who have increased their credit scores by 35+ points

17

Clients have reduced non-mortgage debt by 10%+

16

New safe & affordable bank accounts opened

35%

Clients Have Achieved At Least One Outcome (National benchmark is 23%)

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### Who Can Benefit from the Racine FEC?

Any City of Racine Residents Who Need 1:1 Help with...

- Budgeting and expense tracking
- Negotiating with creditors & setting up payment plans for debts
- Improving credit score or establishing credit
- Addressing credit report errors
- Reducing delinquent accounts
- Accessing safe, affordable mainstream banking products
- Accessing public benefits & services
- Planning for & prioritizing best use of stimulus & tax refunds
- Addressing overdrafts, inactive or closed accounts
- Qualifying for loans
- Planning for their financial futures



#### **Racine FEC Client Testimonial**



"The FEC is life changing. It is an easy program that puts you in the mindset to start achieving financial goals.

The program changes my perspective on how to approach how I handle money.

I am looking forward to be able to purchase a home and taking these steps towards financial success."



#### - Brittany T.

Racine Financial Empowerment Center Client













Help us promote this resource to City residents!
Visit www.racinefec.org or call 262-200-0831 to
make your first appointment.
¡Visite www.racinefec.org para obtener más
información y programar su primera cita hoy!

There is no waiting list for new clients!