



**How the AARP Foundation Can Help You do Your
Good Work, Even Better**



**Giving people a hand-up
Not a hand-out**

AARP Foundation Programs, Tools and Resources

With all that's being reported about the state of the economy, the AARP Foundation is an available resource for organizations to help their clients stay focused on long-term financial goals, while at the same time providing immediate solutions and assistance today.

The Foundation is the heart of AARP, with a focus on serving the most economically vulnerable members of society. Through the support of thousands of volunteers, we help those having difficulty meeting their basic health and financial needs in the second half of life. This work is made possible through funding from AARP, public grants, corporations and contributions from more than one million AARP members.

By providing FREE on-line tools, educational materials, and volunteer support, the AARP Foundation helps organizations like yours to improve the financial security of Americans with limited incomes, with a special focus on adults 50+, women, people of color, and grandparents raising grandchildren.

The AARP Foundation can help you help your older clients:

- Increase their income through improved job skills, work opportunities, public benefits and tax credits, and improved money management assistance.
- Plan ahead for caregiving responsibilities and identify resources in advance, so they can make informed choices about how to spend their resources and time to support a loved one.
- Find local resources and support when caring for grandchildren.

Find out more at www.aarp.org/foundation

Increasing Income

Help Your Participants:

Improve their job skills:

WorkSearch:

- Helps adults 40+ with low-to-moderate incomes to assess their job skills, connect them with jobs that fit their skills, and gain training and work experience.
- For those 55+ who meet income guidelines, WorkSearch can provide an hourly wage during training through its Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP).
- **Find a site near you:** Available in certain states only - go to www.aarpworksearch.org, or call or email 1-866-664-5365 or worksearch@aarp.org
- **Become a Certified WorkSearch site:** contact 1-866-664-5365 or worksearch@aarp.org

Women's Scholarship Program:

- Open to women 40+ whose income is within 150% of poverty.
- Priority is given to women raising the children of another family member, those in dead end jobs, and those who have been out of the paid workforce for five or more years.
- Seeks primarily to assist women in the final stages of their college or trade program, and does not offer scholarships for graduate degrees.
- Scholarships range from \$500-\$5,000.
- **Get a fact sheet, access online tools, and apply at:** <http://www.aarpfoundationwlc.org>

Enroll in public benefits and get tax credits:

Benefits QuickLINK

- Is a one-stop resource to find and apply for programs that help cover basic needs.
- Screens for the 15 most valuable public benefits for older adults and families with children and delivers fact sheets, applications, and local agency information.
- Use Benefits QuickLINK to help clients or tell them about it so they can use it themselves.
- **Access the online tool at:** www.aarp.org/quicklink
- **Order or download "Public Benefits that Can Help Americans 50+" State Fact Sheets:** go to www.aarp.org/money/helpnow or call 1-888-OUR-AARP
- **Become a Benefits Outreach site:** Email benefitsoutreach@aarp.org to find out how.

AARP Tax-Aide:

- Offers free, face-to-face tax preparation and assistance to low-to-moderate income individuals at nearly 6,700 AARP Tax-Aide sites nationwide each year, using over 33,000 trained and IRS certified AARP Tax-Aide volunteers.
- Sites typically operate from late January/early February through April 15, and are located in senior centers, libraries, community centers, and at other convenient locations.
- **Find a site near you:** Go to www.aarp.org/taxaide to find sites by zip code or call 1-888-227-7669.
- **Access online assistance:** To get answers to tax questions 24/7, all year long, go to www.aarp.org/taxaide and submit a question. Trained and IRS-certified AARP Tax Aide volunteers will answer them.

Get help managing their basic finances:

Money Management:

- Helps low-income older adults or people with disabilities that have difficulty budgeting, paying routine bills, and keeping track of financial matters.
- Provides a variety of basic financial information, such as budgeting, credit, and debt.
- **Find a site near you:** The Money Management Program is available in certain states only – check <http://www.aarpmp.org> for list of states
- **Access materials online:** at http://www.aarpmp.org/mm_program.cfm
- **Order print materials:** To order *Smart Money I: A Tool for Planning Your Personal Budget* or *15 Minutes to Your Financial Health*, or any other Money Management print materials call 1-888-OUR-AARP (1-888-687-2277)

Figure Out if a Reverse Mortgage is the right choice for them:

Reverse Mortgage Education Project (RMEP):

- Provides free on-line tools and print materials to help people make informed choices.
- Reverse mortgages can help some homeowners over 62 to borrow some of the accumulated equity in their homes without having to repay the loan until they sell the home or permanently move away.
- RMEP educates eligible individuals and their families about reverse mortgages and other, less costly alternatives.
- **Find a reverse mortgage counselor near you:** Call or email 1-800-209-8085
- **Access online tools:** including a consumer's guide to reverse mortgages and personalized reverse mortgage calculator at www.aarp.org/revmort
- **Order print materials:** A single copy of either the English or Spanish version of the consumer's guide is free to consumers who call 1-800-209-8085.

Caring for Relatives

Help your clients:

Care for Older or Younger Relatives:

Prepare to Care: A Planning Guide for Families:

- Helps adults and their family members create a caregiving plan for an aging parent or other relative before a crisis occurs.
- Using an easy five-step plan, *Prepare to Care* provides information on how to begin a family discussion about caregiving goals, find useful local and national resources, apply for free and low-cost government benefits and more.
- **Access online tools and order print materials:** Go to www.aarp.org/foundation/preparetocare to download a PDF version or to order hard copies of *Prepare to Care Planning Guides* for your participants call 1-888-OUR-AARP (1-888-687-2277). (Also available in Spanish.)

Grandparenting Program

- Offers online resources for grandparents raising grandchildren
- State specific fact sheets help grandparents locate state and local level resources, services, and programs.
- **Access online tools:** The GrandCare Toolkit can be found at www.aarp.org/grandparents
- **Order print materials:** 1-888-GRAND-18 (1-888-472-6318) or gic@aarp.org