Housing Consumer Education Center
Workshops

Contact 508-872-0765 to register.
Please indicate the date you will be attending, your first and last name and phone number.

**Introduction to Services and Financial Assistance Workshops**

Monday, July 3rd, 2:00-3:30pm, Conference Room 1-F
Monday, July 10th, 2:00-3:30pm, Conference Room 1-F
Monday, July 17th, 2:00-3:30pm, Conference Room 1-F
Monday, July 24th, 2:00-3:30pm, Conference Room 1-F

**En español** Miércoles 5 de Julio, 11:00-12:30pm, Conference Room 1-F

**Housing Workshops**

Thursday, July 6th, **Tenant/Landlord Rights: How to Be A Smart Tenant**, 2:00-3:30pm, Conference Room 1-F
Thursday, July 13th, **Affordable Housing**, 2:00-3:30pm, Conference Room 1-F
Thursday, July 20th, **Fair Housing**, 2:00-3:30pm, Conference Room 1-F
Thursday, July 27th, **Housing Search** 11:30-12:30pm, Conference Room 1-F

**Financial Literacy Workshops**

Thursday, July 13th - **Banking**, 11:30-12:30pm, Conference Room 1-F
Thursday, July 20th, **Credit**, 11:30-12:30pm, Conference Room 1-F
Thursday, July 27th, **Lending**, 11:30-12:30pm, Conference Room 1-F
Thursday, July 31st, **Budgeting**, 11:30-12:30pm, Conference Room 1-F
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<td>Introduction to Services</td>
<td>This workshop is designed to provide information of the different services that SMOC provides and an in depth look at financial assistance programs and services the Housing Consumer Education Center (HCEC) department offers.</td>
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<td>Tenant/Landlord Rights: How to Be A Smart Tenant</td>
<td>This workshop is designed to educate tenants on their rights. Topics include steps before move in, types of tenancies, rental agreement, evictions: no fault and at fault, Board of Health violations, reasonable accommodations and foreclosed properties.</td>
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<td>Affordable Housing</td>
<td>This workshop is designed to provide resources of the different types of affordable housing. Topics include state public aided housing, federal public housing, Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program, Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program, Elderly/Senior and disabled housing and how to apply and appeal denials.</td>
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<td>This workshop is designed to educate tenants on housing discrimination. Topics include types of housing discrimination, how to report discrimination and fair housing laws.</td>
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<td>Banking</td>
<td>This workshop is designed explain the basics of banking. Topics include types of banking accounts, credit unions vs banks, how to balance a checking account and how to open a bank account.</td>
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<td>Lending</td>
<td>This workshop is designed to be a resource explaining different types of loans. Topics the value of a loan, types of loans, how to evaluate a loan, rent to own homes and discusses eligibility for accessing the Axuda loan program through DCU bank.</td>
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<td>Credit</td>
<td>This workshop is designed to teach the importance of credit, how to understand your credit score, credit reports, how to build credit and steps to take to improve credit and dispute credit reports.</td>
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<td>Budgeting</td>
<td>This workshop is designed to be a resource on how to budget effectively. Topics include how to develop a budget, different types of expenses and creating a savings plan.</td>
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<td>Housing Search Skills</td>
<td>This workshop is designed to be a resource of how to search for private housing effectively. Topics include how to present yourself when applying for apartments, how to search for apartments and what to ask and look for in apartments prior to moving in.</td>
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**Workshop Days and Hours:**
- Mondays 2:00-3:30
- Tuesdays 10:00-11:00
- Thursdays: 2:00-3:30

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**Walk-in Days and Hours:**
Tuesdays, Wednesdays 8:00-4:30