

What Jacksonville Residents Are Saying About Their Participation in



In a follow-up survey –

- ✓ I opened an account and am now working to establish better credit.
- ✓ I am much more comfortable dealing with my checking account and keeping a budget.
- ✓ I have been using the Spending Decision Card. I keep copies on my car dash and in my wallet and checkbook.

In the after-class survey –

- ✓ I'll be more careful with my account – it's serious business.
- ✓ I intend to balance my checkbook and reconcile every month.
- ✓ I will track my spending and cut out unnecessary spending. I'll check my budget before spending.
- ✓ This program has empowered me to be more financially literate.
- ✓ I intend to stop spending as much and save more.
- ✓ This class was great! A needed asset for the community.
- ✓ This is an excellent program – needs to be promoted/advertised more. I'm glad it's here to help me and others.
- ✓ I really enjoyed the class. The things I learned today will help me become a more stable person and responsible.
- ✓ I think every teenager should take this course before they open an account.

After completing the class, 97% of participants said they were confident or very confident in . . .

- ✓ Choosing a savings or checking account
- ✓ Maintaining their check register
- ✓ Reconciling with their statement
- ✓ Making a spending and savings plan
- ✓ Shopping for credit

Since the program opened in 2005, **over 200 graduates have begun saving \$200 per year** by successfully using mainstream banking instead of paycheck cashers and money orders.

100% of participants rated GET CHECKING as “Great” or “Good” on a 5-point satisfaction scale, giving the program a 100% overall satisfaction score.

GET CHECKING is a 6-hour class that covers choosing and managing financial accounts, developing a personal spending and saving plan, and using credit wisely. Graduates earn a certificate that enables them to open accounts at participating financial institutions and manage them more effectively.

Who do you know that could benefit from GET CHECKING? For more information, contact Anita McKinney, Duval County Extension Educator, 904-387-8850, mckinney@coj.net, or www.coj.net, search for GET CHECKING.