

# SAFE Newsletter

StraightTalk® Association for Financial Empowerment

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## COVID-19 Resources

The current COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the lives of so many people. Many of our families, friends, neighbors and community members have found themselves in situations where aspects of their lives have changed, and may feel like there is nowhere to turn for help. The StraightTalk® Association for Financial Empowerment (SAFE) has heard stories from so many individuals whose financial lives have been impacted by COVID-19, and we want to share with you some resources that may help you and the ones you care about during these times.

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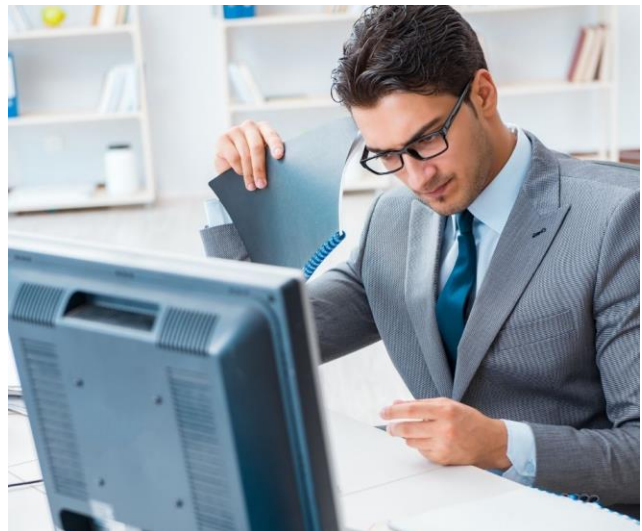
[211](#) is a great place to start researching to find local, helpful community resources if you are experiencing difficulty. When navigating to their website, you can easily input your zip code to be directed to the local chapter of 211 and an overview of the resources they provide. Most 211 chapters will have information on unemployment, mental health support, and obtaining food for individuals who have been impacted financially or are unable to leave their home, as well as childcare programs, and even internet access. Consider visiting [211.org](#) or calling 211 to be connected to beneficial resources.

### Candid Learning

[Candid Learning](#) is typically a training platform for online learning and support; however, they have now put together a comprehensive list of Coronavirus emergency financial resources. This list is broken down to highlight resources both nationally and by state for non-profit organizations, individuals, artists, small businesses, and international resources as well. This is a great jumping off point for finding some emergency financial resources.

### USA.gov

This resource from the federal government highlights the CARES Act and what you may be able to take advantage of if you're experiencing hardship. [USA.gov](#) highlights how to obtain assistance with food, housing, bills and more.



### Your Financial Institution

If you're in a situation where your income has been impacted and you're concerned about paying bills, loans, or making ends meet, we encourage you to reach out to your financial institution for help and advice. Most financial institutions have some sort of assistance program and are more than happy to work with you throughout whatever hardship you are currently experiencing. Sometimes this assistance might mean an adjusted payment schedule for your loans, or they may talk to you about different services they provide that could help your specific situation.

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Experiencing financial difficulty is always a problematic and stressful situation, and we want to help you take advantage of the resources and relief programs that are available to help. We hope the resources we've shared are helpful to you and that you and yours are happy and healthy as we navigate this current pandemic situation.

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The StraightTalk® Association for Financial Empowerment is on Facebook! If you want to stay involved and up-to-date on what SAFE is working on, follow us there! We regularly share finance-related tips and tricks, articles following the latest money related trends, and our own updates as well. Visit [www.facebook.com/SAFEfinancially](http://www.facebook.com/SAFEfinancially) for more.



## SAFE Makes Donation to Support ProAction Family Leadership Program

SAFE recently announced it made a financial donation to support ProAction of Steuben and Yates, Inc.'s Family Leadership Program. This unique program will be held over four sessions on Thursday evenings either virtually or as an in-person hybrid.

ProAction states that, "Families are the true voice for our children and our communities. Now more than ever as communities and families attempt to 'rise strong,' from the challenges of the pandemic, parent leaders are needed. Come gain the knowledge and confidence to lift your voice as we guide you to gain the skills to advocate on behalf of your children and your community. Together we can create a safe and supported path for all children to succeed. You will become the leader you were always meant to be."

Visit [ProActionInc.org](http://ProActionInc.org) for more information about each individual session and contact Linda George at [georgel@proactioninc.org](mailto:georgel@proactioninc.org) to register. Registration must be received by October 26, 2020.

## Financial Educators Available for Virtual Classes

SAFE's financial educators are available in-person on a limited basis in the Corning/Elmira, NY area and can also provide services virtually across the country. If your organization is interested in partnering with our volunteers for your program, please contact us! Simply send an email to [contactus@financiallysafe.org](mailto:contactus@financiallysafe.org) with a description of your group/organization, details of your program, and your contact information.

If you are seeking monetary support for a financial education program, please visit our website and click "About SAFE" in the top navigation.

