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OAKLAND

SEPTEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER



Entering The Workforce

How SparkPoint Oakland can assist you.

Did you know that SparkPoint Oakland supports clients with job development and career coaching? In addition, we can assist with dusting off that old resume to accommodate better potential openings in your preferred field of work.

With the reopening of businesses and schools returning to the classroom, SparkPoint Oakland understands that many clients may be in a position to rejoin the workforce. Therefore, we have shifted our services to accommodate those who seek job coaching, career development, and resume support.

In addition to the many benefits of being a SPO client, such as speaking with one of many financial coaches, finding affordable housing openings, and signing up for public benefits, you can also receive support with finding work. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/phonefincoach> or leave us a message at (510) 924-3610. We will respond back in approximately 72 hours.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR AUGUST

*Tuesday, September 21, 1-2pm -
SPO New Client Orientation, RSVP
on [EventBrite](#), email
Sparkpoint@ebaldc.org, or call (510)
924-3610.*

*Saturday, September 24 - VITA
Back Tax Event, make an
appointment at
www.ebaldc.org/vita.*

*Wednesday, September 29 -
WOJRC's Financial Workshop:
Finding Community Resources &
Protecting Against Fraud. RSVP at
(510) 419-0509.*



Student Loan Relief

Extension until January 31, 2022

On August 6, 2021, the U.S. Department of Education announced a final extension of COVID-19 emergency relief for student loans until January 31, 2022. This relief includes the following measure for eligible loans:

- Suspension of loan payments
- 0% interest rate
- Stopped collections on defaulted loans
- Includes direct unsubsidized loans, which typically accrue interest while a student is in school.

This extension is a continuation of the policy in place since COVID-19 became a national emergency. The Department of Education initiated a 0% interest rate period beginning March 2020 until September 2021.

For more information on the extension, please visit <https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/direct-loan-basics-students.pdf> and <https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/biden-administration-extends-student-loan-pause-until-january-31-2022>. You can also contact our Senior Financial Coach, Carmen Reid, at credit@ebaldc.org for questions on this topic.



Coach Spotlight

Welcome Brandon Chen!

SparkPoint Oakland's Team continues to grow, and we'd love to introduce you to our newest Financial Coach, Brandon Chen.

Brandon is currently attending Cal State East Bay to pursue his second bachelor's in Business Administration with a focus in Accounting. Previously, he was a Banana Slug at UC Santa Cruz, majoring in History with a focus on East Asian History.

Before joining SPO, Brandon used to work as a contractor remodeling homes. He also worked as a bookkeeper for Something Labs, a volunteer coalition whose goal was to protect frontline medical workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. Brandon volunteered in EBALDC's VITA program in 2019, became the Site Coordinator for the 2020-2021 tax season, and now will be overseeing the upcoming season. Can you tell he has a passion for taxes?

Partners of SparkPoint Oakland



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Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 924-3610
sparkpoint@ebaldc.org

By appointment only, no walk-in's accepted.



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EBALDC's VITA Program: Free Tax Assistance for Bay Area Residents!

www.ebaldc.org/vita



EBALDC

1825 San Pablo Avenue
Oakland, CA 94612

(510) 390-2345

Next door to Plenty Cafe

By appointment only
Saturday, September 25

Drop off 10:30am - 1:30pm
Pick up (if ready) 2-5pm

Bring Your:

- Photo ID
- Social security card or ITIN letter
- Income documents (W-2, 1099, etc.)
- Expenses (education, medical, childcare, mortgage, property tax, etc.)
- Healthcare coverage (1095)
- Self-Employment income & expense records
- Previous tax return (if possible)
- Checking & Saving account numbers (direct deposit)
- Any notices from the IRS or CA FTB

We're providing support with tax returns and advance Child Tax Credit payments.
Services are by drop-off **ONLY** and appointment is required.
Visit www.ebaldc.org/vita to book your drop off appointment.



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UNITED WAY BAY AREA

**The following flyers
are from community
partners and local job
opportunities.**

FREE Pre-Apprenticeship Training in the Transportation and Logistics Industry



Join our free, employer driven 5-week training program in transportation, distribution, and logistics as an entryway in a long-term career with on-going advancement. Meet employers while training!

September, 20th 2021 - October 22nd, 2021

Monday through Friday, 9am to 3pm

The West Oakland Job Resource Center

1801 Adeline Street, 2nd Floor

510-419-0509

Deadline to register: Sept. 9 by 5pm at <https://crm.wojrc.org/>

- FREE training for jobs in transportation and logistics
- Acquire skills and certifications for the transportation and logistics for FREE
- Get prepared for Class A driver license following our program

- Class A Permit preparation
- OSHA 10 Safety Training
- Forklift Safety Training
- Job Readiness Training
- Financial Workshops





Join WOJRC's Financial Workshop on Finding Community Resources and Protecting Yourself against Financial Fraud

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

6:00 – 7:30 p.m

In-person: 1801 Adeline Street, 2nd Floor, Oakland, CA

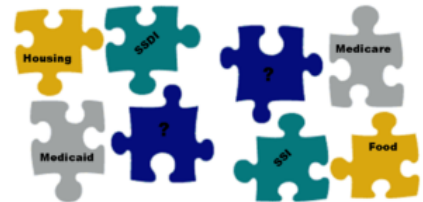
or

on zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85807259737?pwd=WkNINHBVldudVcwdTJocFlmaG9FZz09>

RSVP to (510) 419-0509

Join financial well-being expert, **Dawn Love**, as she shares the best way to find and get assistance, including rental assistance, public benefits, and food bank services. Dawn worked with EBALDC for over 6 years helping clients apply for county benefits, housing assistance and emergency funds.



Attorney, **Miguel Soto**, of the East Bay Community Law Clinic, will join us to discuss the growing threat of financial scams and payday loans and how to protect yourself and your wealth.

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We're excited to invite you to MAF's Charlas Financieras, a series of discussions about different financial topics, tools, and tips to support our communities. The sessions are free, accessible via Zoom, and available in both English and Spanish. **We hope you'll join us and share the events with your network and community!**

SPREAD THE WORD

September Calendar

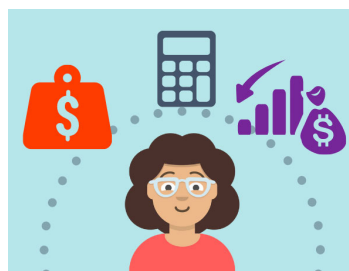
Managing Debt & Collections

September 1 (via Zoom)

11 AM in English - [Register here](#)

12 PM in Spanish - [Register here](#)

Overwhelmed by your debt? Having trouble paying unpaid bills? You're not alone! Join this session to learn how to reduce debt. We'll also share resources to help you confidently navigate the collections process.



[Register Here](#)

September 3 (via Zoom)

11 AM in English - [Register here](#)

12 PM in Spanish - [Register here](#)

It's never too early to start planning and saving for your retirement. In this session, we'll share helpful tips and walk you through different retirement plans available to help you live the life you want after you stop working.



[Register Here](#)

Finding Community Resources

September 7 (via Zoom)

11 AM in English - [Register here](#)

12 PM in Spanish - [Register here](#)

Many community resources are only a click or phone call away, but we know it can be hard to find the right ones for you and your family. In this session, we'll discuss MAF resources and other tools to get you the support you need.



[Register Here](#)

Exploring Immigration Services & Support

September 9 (via Zoom)

11 AM in English - [Register here](#)

12 PM in Spanish - [Register here](#)

Navigating the immigration system can be challenging. Luckily, there are many community organizations providing excellent resources and services. Join this session to find out how to access the immigration support you need, including MAF's immigration loans.



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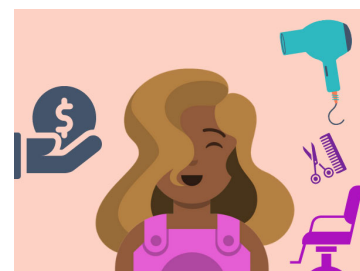
Accessing Capital for Your Business

September 15 (via Zoom)

11 AM in English - [Register here](#)

12 PM in Spanish - [Register here](#)

Looking for capital to start, run, or grow your business? In this session, we'll explore different ways to fund your small business. You'll learn about various business loan programs, including MAF's 0% interest, credit-building Business Microloans.



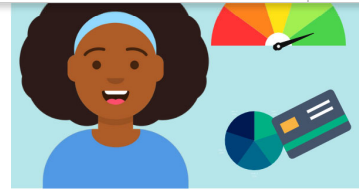
[Register Here](#)

September 23 (via Zoom)

11 AM in English - [Register here](#)

12 PM in Spanish - [Register here](#)

Credit is like a financial passport that can have a huge impact on your life. Join this session to understand how credit works, why it's important, and what you can do now to establish or improve your credit score.



[Register Here](#)

Building Credit & Community with Lending Circles

September 28 (via Zoom)

11 AM in English - [Register here](#)

12 PM in Spanish - [Register here](#)

Tanda. Susu. Paluwagan. Hui. If you've ever joined one of these, then you've participated in a version of Lending Circles! Join us to learn how MAF's Lending Circles program can help you save, build credit, and achieve financial goals with people in your community.



[Register Here](#)

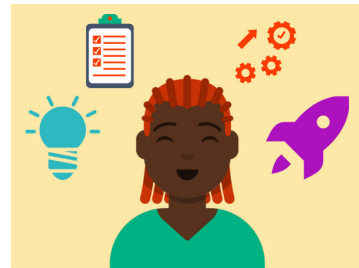
Becoming Self-Employed

September 30 (via Zoom)

11 AM in English - [Register here](#)

12 PM in Spanish - [Register here](#)

Self-employment can be a great way to make money while giving yourself more control over your work and schedule. In this session, we'll dive into its pros and cons and explore how you can start your self-employment journey.



[Register Here](#)

You can view our previous Charlas Financieras in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).



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ON THE SPOT INTERVIEWS!

Meet with EAH Hiring Managers for East Bay (Dublin, Emeryville, Baypoint, & Oakland locations!



EAH HOUSING EAST BAY JOB FAIR

Camellia Place 5450 DeMarcus Blvd. Dublin, California 94568
Friday, September 10, 2021
10am-3pm

Resident Manager I - Estrella Vista - Emeryville, CA
Maintenance Supervisor I - De Anza Gardens - Bay Point, CA
Maintenance Technician II - Camellia Place, Dublin, CA
Maintenance Technician II- Cathedral Gardens- Oakland, CA
Maintenance Technician II- Estrella Vista - Emeryville, CA
Maintenance Technician I - Estrella Vista/Cathedral Gardens - Emeryville/Oakland, CA

Step 1: Apply to position of interest at www.eahhousing.org/careers

Step 2: Show up to interview, bring resume and wear a face covering.

Snacks and Drinks will be made available.

*** EAH requires that all new hires be fully vaccinated at the time of hire, fully vaccinated on their first day of work and provide proof of their vaccination status. Accommodations will be made for applicants with a medical reason or a sincerely held religious belief that they cannot get vaccinated. Accommodations can be requested after an offer has been extended. ***



We need more people like you!

At EAH Housing, we put our core values into action on a daily basis. We recognize that training is a critical investment in the success of our employees and in the continued excellence of the organization. Please visit our website to learn more about our culture and read employee comments to learn more about what it would be like to work at EAH Housing.



Browse current openings at

www.EAHHousing.org/careers



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A roof is just the beginning

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www.eahhousing.org

**SOME POSITIONS OFFER
\$1000 SIGNING BONUSES!**

Meet with EAH Hiring Managers for South Bay (San Jose, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Morgan Hill) locations!



EAH HOUSING SOUTH BAY JOB FAIR

Belovida Newbury- 1777 Newbury Park Drive 2nd Floor,
San Jose, California 95133
Thursday, September 23rd
10am-3pm

- Resident Manager with Housing - Presidio El Camino/Cornerstone @ Japantown - San Jose, CA
- Resident Manager with Housing - Market Gateway - San Jose, CA
- Resident Manager with Housing - Cochrane Village - Morgan Hill, CA
- Resident Manager I - Charter Court- San Jose, CA
- Assistant Manager I-Park Place-Morgan Hill, CA
- Bookkeeper - Elena Gardens, San Jose, CA
- Leasing Agent I/COS - Borregas Court - Sunnyvale, CA
- Leasing Agent I/COS - Los Robles - Sunnyvale, CA
- Maintenance Technician II with Housing- Presidio El Camino/Cornerstone @ Japantown
- Maintenance Technician II - Elena Gardens - San Jose, CA
- Maintenance Technician I - Casa Real - San Jose, CA
- Maintenance Technician I - Belovida Newbury - San Jose, CA
- Maintenance Technician I-Borregas Court-Sunnyvale, CA
- Janitor/Grounds - Presidio El Camino/Cornerstone @ Japantown -San Jose,CA



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Bella Terra- 235 E. Dunne Ave
Morgan Hill, California 95037
Wednesday, September 15th
10am-3pm

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- Resident Manager with Housing - Market Gateway - San Jose, CA
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