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Conference on Survive and Thrive: Building Assets, Strengthening Communities

These challenging economic times have sharpened the focus on the need for financial education, savings and responsible borrowing and the behaviors, strategies and policies that support them. On November 5-6, 2009, the Washington Asset Building Coalition is presenting a conference titled “Survive and Thrive: Building Assets, Strengthening Communities” at the Tacoma Convention Center. Come join leaders and practitioners from across the Northwest and learn about the range of elements critical to the financial future of our low and moderate income residents. The conference will include 24 different workshops and 3 plenary sessions that will focus on strategies to strengthen asset building activities in your community.

Asset building innovations and best practices to strengthen your community’s asset building pieces will include:

- Savings and banking campaigns;
- Individual development accounts;
- Microenterprise;
- Financial education and counseling; and
- Alternative financial services and products.

Asset building strategies and policies will include:

- Increasing financial education, savings and mainstream banking;
- Expanding home and small business ownership;
- Increasing access to Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), public benefits and free tax preparation; and
- Providing assistance for credit repair and avoiding high-cost loans.

Conference fee is \$145.

A limited number of rooms have been blocked at the Courtyard Tacoma, and the Hotel Murano, Tacoma. You can reserve your room when you register on the Conference Website:

<http://www.frbsf.org/community/resources/2009/1105/index.html>

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