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The Maryland Council on Economic Education Welcomes Karen Kokernak
- Staff expands as more school systems look to train teachers in personal finance -

BALTIMORE, September 25, 2014 – The [Maryland Council on Economic Education](#) (MCEE), a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving economic and financial literacy in the state’s schools grades K-12, today announced the addition of a new program specialist, Karen Kokernak, to its staff.

As a program specialist with MCEE, Kokernak will conduct professional development, plan lessons, and co-teach classes and institutes relative to economics and financial literacy. Kokernak has over eighteen years of experience in education. She has served schools and enriched communities during her time as a classroom teacher and Department Chair in New Hampshire and Virginia, and as a Senior Economic Educator for the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Baltimore Branch.

“Karen has decades of experience in education and a wholehearted dedication to improving financial literacy,” said Mary Ann Hewitt, executive director of the Maryland County of Economic Education. “Her extensive talents and passion will allow her to make great contributions to MCEE’s mission to improve and expand economic and financial instruction in Maryland K-12 schools.”

Kokernak earned her Political Science degree from Fairfield University and a Masters in Business Administration from University of Maryland University College. She also earned her Social Studies Teaching Certification from Franklin Pierce College. Throughout her career Kokernak has designed, planned, and delivered professional economic and financial education development programs and curricula to meet and exceed national, state, and organizational standards. She has been published in almost a dozen publications and is a member of Maryland Council for the Social Studies, National Council for the Social Studies, the Council on Economic Education, and the National Association of Economic Educators.

“MCEE’s dedication to empowering students with economic and financial knowledge strongly resonates with values which I’ve embraced throughout my years of experience in education,” shared Kokernak. “I firmly believe that MCEE’s work towards eradicating economic and financial illiteracy is crucial to Maryland students and communities. I’m happy to be joining the team of MCEE and contributing to the progress of its goals and educational programs.”

About Maryland Council on Economic Education

For over 60 years, the Maryland Council on Economic Education (MCEE) has worked to assure that Maryland’s school children leave high school equipped with the economic and financial literacy knowledge and decision-making skills they will need to make informed, rational decisions as consumers, workers, citizens, savers, investors, and participants in the global economy. MCEE is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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