

RIVERWORKS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Created in 1992 by area businesses, community-based organizations and foundations to address the economic decline caused by the closing of the AMC/Chrysler plant in the 1980's, the mission of Riverworks Development Corporation (Riverworks) is to promote economic prosperity by providing coordinated resources for residents and businesses in Riverworks and other low- to moderate-income Milwaukee neighborhoods.

For over twenty years, Riverworks has helped to develop strong, stable neighborhoods in the City of Milwaukee. Initially we focused on halting physical decline in the area and on re-establishing functioning local markets. As these goals are increasingly being met, our attention – and that of local leaders – has turned to the next step toward building healthy communities: providing opportunities for individual residents to develop their job skills and advance in the workforce, increase their incomes, build assets, and gain greater control of their lives.

At Riverworks we utilize a holistic approach to community revitalization by focusing on:

Economic Development – We foster economic opportunity, job creation and employer retention by encouraging a balanced real estate development approach that promotes new construction, re-use of existing buildings and strengthening of neighborhood connections.

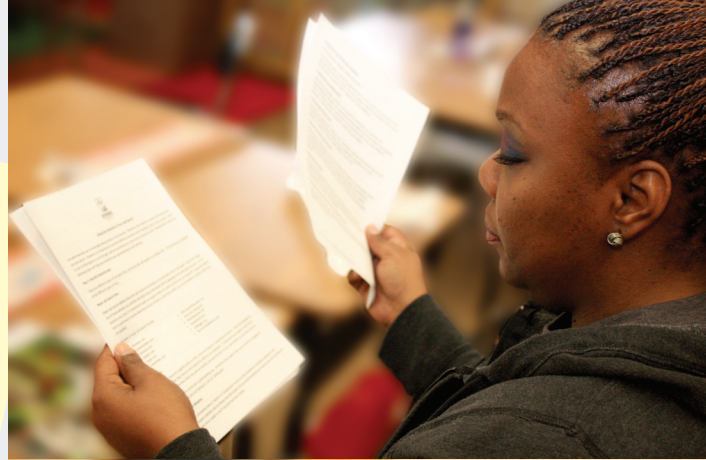
Financial Literacy – Through our Financial Opportunity Center (FOC), we provide three core services – financial education, workforce development and access to public benefits – to unemployed or underemployed residents striving to lift themselves out of poverty.

At Riverworks we believe that a healthy and vibrant community is one where businesses do well, where residents find good jobs, manage their money wisely and build wealth, and where families thrive.

Our unique resident-business partnership supports an expanding business base, a skilled labor force, and thriving families and neighborhoods.

Congratulations on being a significant economic force in the City of Milwaukee.

ANDY HOLMAN, COMMUNITY ADVOCATE



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FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER



What is the Financial Opportunity Center?

At the Financial Opportunity Center (FOC) you can learn how to earn more and do more with your money.

Riverworks' FOC is a **workforce development** and **personal financial services** center providing education and coaching to people who want to progress financially. Services are available to anyone open to expanding their employment and financial opportunities.

At Riverworks' FOC, four professionals work together to help you improve your family's financial well-being:

Financial Coach – shares positive financial behaviors with you and your family – through peer group seminars or confidential coaching sessions.

Workforce Partnerships Coordinator – creates partnerships with area companies, educational organizations, and training centers to provide resources for you and your family.

Workforce Coach – helps you advance your career through resume building, benefits support, and employment opportunities.

FOC Program Assistant – assists in all areas and ensures that you connect with additional community resources such as driver's license recovery.

My financial coach gave me options. She spoke with my creditors on my behalf, assisted with paperwork, and always made time to see me. Everybody at Riverworks treated me so nicely!

MS. SADIE, RIVERWORKS FOC CUSTOMER

Come to Riverworks' FOC and take advantage of the following **FREE** services to improve your family's financial well-being:

WORKFORCE COACHING

- Develop or update a resume that gets results
- Develop and activate your career plan
- Get job leads and assistance in your employment search
- Build a positive work history
- Learn strategies to stay employed

FINANCIAL COACHING

- Develop money management skills that lead to financial stability
- Learn to understand your credit report and learn how to build build a positive credit history. You will receive a FREE credit report with score
- Learn how to make money work for you
- Share positive financial habits with your family

BENEFITS ACCESS AND WORK SUPPORTS

- Determine if you are eligible for Wisconsin Food Share, Child Care subsidies and/or Badger Care+
- Receive FREE VITA tax preparation
- Connect to a wide range of community resources

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