



Financial Empowerment Program

Leduc County Family and Community Support Service's (FCSS) **Financial Empowerment Program** allows you to explore how you can pay your bills, manage your debt, afford basic necessities and get ahead.

The program is **free and confidential**. Trained staff are here to listen and learn about what is important to you, offer you options and provide information based on your needs and interests. You take the lead and set the pace. Your knowledge and living experience is unique to you.

One-to-one* sessions are available to help you:

- ▶ Get ready for income tax filing and file your taxes for free** OR teach you how to file your own taxes.
- ▶ Learn about the subsidies, grants, benefits and supports that may be available to you.
- ▶ Identify the financial challenges that are holding you back.
- ▶ Create action plans to meet your goals.
- ▶ Access the right support and services with helpful referrals to community agencies that provide specialized financial information and support.
- ▶ Increase your basic money management skills so that you can reduce debt, grow savings, build assets and make informed financial decisions.

In addition to one-to-one support, we also offer information sessions and workshops on a variety of financial literacy topics. Check out our recorded sessions and upcoming events at leduc-county.com/community-family.

Leduc County is one of a select group of Canadian municipalities to partner with Prosper Canada on the Prosperity Gateways-Cities for Financial Empowerment project to improve the financial well-being of residents living on low income. Financial help includes education, coaching/counselling, free tax clinics and help accessing income benefits.

If you're interested in the Financial Empowerment Program, contact Leduc County FCSS at **780-979-2385** or fcssinfo@leduc-county.com.

**One-to-one sessions are available to residents of Leduc County, Calmar, Thorsby and Warburg.*

***The volunteer income tax program is available to low income residents with simple income tax situations. It does not complete returns for people who are deceased, bankrupt, or have business, farming or rental income.*

