

Credit Action Plan for: _____

Step 1: Get Credit-Educated

Attend Workshops/Classes:

- Money Management Workshop/Class
- Credit Education Workshop/Class
- Other: _____

- Complete Credit Builder Cost-Benefit Analysis Worksheet (attached)

Describe why it is important for you to build credit:

Step 2: Know the Score

- Meet with Credit Coach or Counselor
- Review Credit Score
- Review Credit Profile

- Number of Active Credit Accounts: _____
- Number of Open Credit Cards: _____
- Number of Delinquencies in last 12 months: _____
- Number of Defaults in last 12 months: _____
- Value of Outstanding Debt: \$_____

Credit Score:

It is not necessary to track all scores each year, but it is best to be consistent and pick at least one Bureau/Score to pull each year.

Type of Score: <input type="checkbox"/> FICO <input type="checkbox"/> Vantage Date:	Baseline <input type="checkbox"/> FICO <input type="checkbox"/> Vantage	Year 1 <input type="checkbox"/> FICO <input type="checkbox"/> Vantage	Year 2 <input type="checkbox"/> FICO <input type="checkbox"/> Vantage	Year 3 <input type="checkbox"/> FICO <input type="checkbox"/> Vantage	Year 4 <input type="checkbox"/> FICO <input type="checkbox"/> Vantage	Year 5 <input type="checkbox"/> FICO <input type="checkbox"/> Vantage
Experian						
TransUnion						
Equifax						

Step 3: Get Good Stuff Going

Do you have at least 2 Active credit accounts reporting monthly repayments to a Credit Bureau?

If you don't have active accounts, discuss with your Credit Coach or Counselor the best options for opening small lines of credit.

Typical credit builder products include:

- Secured Credit Card – a client receives a credit card up to the amount in a custodial bank account.
- Secured Consumer Loan – a client receives a loan up to the amount in a custodial bank account.
- Credit Builder CD Loan – Offered by many credit unions, this product does not require savings upfront. You set a savings goal (i.e. \$500) in the form of a Certificate of Deposit; you purchase the CD via installments. At the end of the term, you own the CD and have met your savings goal!
- Credit Builder or Payday Alternative Loan – generally short-term unsecured loans.

Open Tradeline 1:

Type of Loan (circle one): Revolving or Installment

Type of Loan (circle one): Consumer/Credit Builder Business Credit Card Store Card Other: _____

Name of Creditor:

Term of Loan:

Interest Rate:

Fees:

Requirements: Savings Secured Direct Deposit Other: _____

Open Tradeline 2:

Type of Loan (circle one): Revolving or Installment

Type of Loan (circle one): Consumer/Credit Builder Business Credit Card Store Card Other: _____

Name of Creditor:

Term of Loan:

Interest Rate:

Fees:

Requirements: Savings Secured Direct Deposit Other: _____

Complete the Staying on Time with Active Debt Worksheet (attached)

Step 4: Set an Asset Goal

- Credit is an Asset! Set a Goal of a 680 score!
- Be Debt Free in 24 months
- New Job – employer will check my credit
- Car purchase
- Buy a home
- Start a business
- Attend post-secondary education – will need student loans

Optional Workshops:

- Attend Homebuyer Workshop
- Attend Small Business Credit Workshop
- Attend Student Loan Workshop
- _____
- _____

Step 5: Delve Deeper out of Debt

Dispute inaccurate information: Write letters to the credit bureaus.

- Letter 1 (To who and date sent) _____
- Letter 2 (To who and date sent) _____
- Letter 3 (To who and date sent) _____

Negotiate with collection agents

- Collection account 1, amount paid: \$ _____
- Collection account 2, amount paid: \$ _____
- Collection account 3, amount paid: \$ _____

Use EITC money to pay down debt/collection accounts.

Start a small saving account to use to pay off collection accounts in one lump sum.