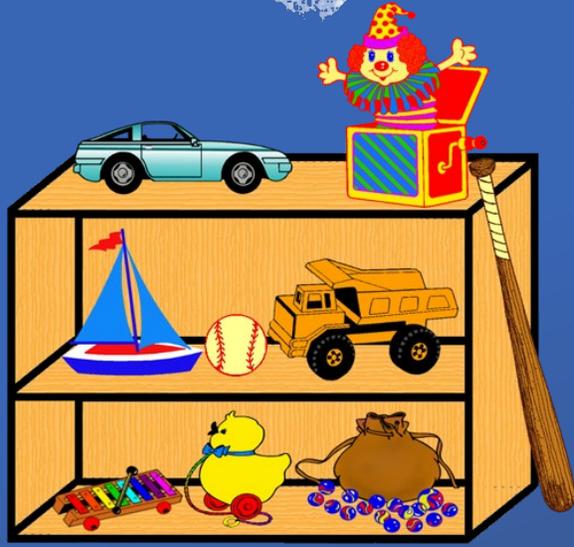




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Financial Planning and Life's Stages



Picture yourself at 7...

- **What were you into?**
- **If someone gave your 7-year-old self \$100 what would you have used the money for?**

Share with a partner for 2 minutes – then be prepared to discuss as a class.



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Now think of yourself today...

- **Would you still spend the money on the same things?**
- **Do you have any responsibilities that would shape how you spend the money?**
- **Have your goals changed since you were 7?**

Discuss each question with a partner – then be prepared to discuss as a class.



Now think of your future self - in 10, 20, 40 years from now...

- **Do you think you will still have the same goals at each of these milestones?**
- **Do you think your responsibilities will have changed?**
- **Do you think there are ways you can spend your money now that will make your long-term goals more likely to happen?**



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Life Cycle of Financial Planning



The last 3 slides demonstrate that as you go through different stages of life, your financial goals will likely change.

The choices you make when you start working may change if you choose to start a family.

What's good for you at the peak of your career will likely change when you retire.

A financial planner or advisor can help you balance what you need to do today to be ready for the years to come.

***Many credit unions give you a complimentary session with an advisor to discuss and make your goals a reality.**

5 Financial Stages of Life

- 1. Post Secondary and Early Career Years**
- 2. Family and Career Building Years**
- 3. The Pre-Retirement Years**
- 4. Early Retirement Years**
- 5. Later Retirement Years**



Post
Secondary
and Early
Career Years

You may be getting training, attending college or university, starting a career, or finding a life partner. Spending is often greater than income during this period.

Goals may include:

- ✓ Paying for post secondary education
- ✓ Buying a car or home furnishings
- ✓ Building savings
- ✓ Paying off debt
- ✓ Building credit history

Family and
Career
Building
Years

You may be changing jobs to enhance your career, starting a family, saving for a child's education, or buying your first home.

Goals may include:

- ✓ Buying a house
- ✓ Growing savings
- ✓ Preparing a will
- ✓ Planning for retirement
- ✓ Starting a new business

The
Pre-Retirement
Years

Your expenses may start to go down, and savings can really start to build. If you have kids, you may help pay for their education or other life events such as weddings or buying their first home.

Goals may include:

- ✓ Paying off a mortgage and other debt
- ✓ Reducing taxes
- ✓ Growing retirement savings
- ✓ Sending kids to college or university
- ✓ Planning for retirement

Early
Retirement
Years

You may want to work less, and your health will likely be good enough to support an active lifestyle, perhaps with travel, volunteer work, or continued part-time work.

Goals may include:

- ✓ Turning retirement savings and pensions into income
- ✓ Managing taxes
- ✓ Managing savings to last
- ✓ Making changes to your will and estate

Later
Retirement
Years

Your health may be more of a focal point. You'll likely want to work much less, spend time relaxing and enjoying company of others.

Goals may include:

- ✓ Turning retirement savings and pensions into income
- ✓ Managing taxes
- ✓ Managing savings to last
- ✓ Making changes to your will and estate



“By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.”

-Benjamin Franklin

Preparing for your future now, by setting clear goals and making knowledgeable choices, will help you along your path to financial success!



Use the provided worksheets to start assessing your current habits and thinking about planning for the different stages in your life.





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