

Asset Building

Overview

For women and girls to move from economic insecurity to economic prosperity, they must learn to take control of their finances by eliminating debt, saving money, and building assets that generate income and begin to establish wealth. Together with our Grantee Partners, we provide the tools and resources to help them find out how and take back control of their financial lives.

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Tile 1: There are differences in how poverty impacts women. But, does gender make a difference in financial knowledge, behavior, and well-being? The Urban Institute has a great study on the subject.

<http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/413077-Do-Financial-Knowledge-Behavior-and-Well-Being-Differ-by-Gender.pdf>

Tile 2: More than half of the Washington region's women and girls who live in poverty live in the District of Columbia. The city also ranks in the bottom third on a poll on assets and opportunities. Find out why.

<http://scorecard.assetsandopportunity.org/2014/state/dc>

Tile 3: Maryland ranks #1 for policies that help to build the assets and opportunities of its residents. What policy choices are they making? Learn more here.

<http://scorecard.assetsandopportunity.org/2014/state/md>

Tile 4: Virginia ranks in the top half of states with the highest assets and opportunities for its residents. Here's how.

<http://scorecard.assetsandopportunity.org/2014/state/va>

Tile 5:

Fact 1: Washington Area Women's Foundation has invested \$7 million in women and girls resulting in \$45 million in increased assets and income.

Fact 2:

Fact 3: