



ESSENTIAL INFORMATION ON COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND DISCOUNTS

FREE Money for College: TRiO can assist in submitting the FAFSA to apply for free college aid like grants and scholarships.

REHAB Defaulted Student Loan: TRiO can assist with the process to get you back on track to be eligible for federal student aid in the future.

Financial Literacy: TRiO can assist with understanding and creating a workable budget, money management tips and more.

Advising and Counseling: TRiO can assist with academic goals, career choices, vocational training options, personal counseling and more.

Contact Us

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TRiO representatives are available to provide counseling and information on academic opportunities, financial aid, scholarships and community resources. Schedule your appointment today, 704-536-9745.

Cut the cord on Cable TV. Some wireless carriers offer free or discounted streaming-video service (i.e. Netflix, Hulu, etc.) with your plan. ASK!

North Carolina Lifeline Discount (government program). Landline or Cell Phone providers offer discount on phone service to SNAP, Section 8 & other participants. CALL!

LIEAP Low Income Energy Assistance Program federally funded program provide one-time payment to help eligible households pay heating bills. Contact DSS. Meck County residents can apply at TRiO office Feb 12 from 4PM to 7PM. APPLY!

Being in control of your finances
is a great stress reliever 😊



Put the FUN back in REFUND

Preparation is key

Save each and every tax form that arrives in your mailbox.

Have required documents handy: ID, Social Security Card(s) all dependents, copy of last year's tax return and direct deposit information.

Learn about the changes and new tax rules.

Figure out who will prepare and file your taxes. Do-it-yourself software, manually or trained preparer?

Find a VITA or TCE site near you.

- <https://irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/>

- <https://secure.aarp.org/applications/VMISLocator/searchTaxAideLocations.action>

Be ready for an extension if necessary. Complete and submit form 4868.



Create a budget. *A Budget is telling your money where to go instead of wondering where it went. Dave Ramsey*

Start or increase emergency/rainy day fund.

Pay off or pay down debt.

Put some in a savings account.
Any amount can help. It adds up.

Buy something you really NEED.

Invest in your future.

