

# Change Machine Partners

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The Change Machine community is comprised of over **1,000** users. Front-line staff, advocates and field leaders from **hundreds of nonprofits and government agencies** across the country come together to build financial security for the populations they serve. Our partners and strategic partners lend expertise to the platform, host sector-specific groups, offer additional resources, and offer tips and tricks on how to incorporate best practices within your organization. The Financial Clinic's Community Manager surfaces this wealth of knowledge to both newly on-boarded and long-term Change Machine users. A special thanks to all the partners and strategic partners that make Change Machine a vibrant community.

## OUR PARTNERS INCLUDE:



+ OVER 100 MORE...

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## STRATEGIC PARTNERS:



Center for Economic Progress ("CEP") leads the Volunteer Programs Group on Change Machine. Based out of Chicago, CEP helps low-income, working families by providing tax and financial services to improve the financial stability of those they serve. CEP has tremendous expertise organizing and implementing volunteer financial coaching, tax preparation and legal services programs. With a 25-year track record, CEP has successfully managed on-line and in-person volunteer training and placement of volunteers. Join CEP in a robust discussion about the challenges and opportunities of placing volunteers as a key and vital resource to accomplishing one's mission.



The Center for Financial Security at the University of Wisconsin-Madison ("CFS") is a key partner on Change Machine providing guidance on financial security content and supporting the delivery of the [Financial Capability Scale](#). CFS is an applied, multidisciplinary research center that seeks to inform practitioners, policymakers, and the general public on strategies for building financial security over the life course. Over two years, the team at CFS has conducted two peer reviews of the lessons, tools, and quizzes hosted on Change Machine. Their feedback and contributions have been invaluable and have strengthened the resources provided on the platform. Additionally, CFS' Financial Capability Scale is fully integrated into Change Machine. The Financial Capability Scale is designed to be delivered seamlessly in a coaching session and facilitates diagnostic, baselining, and outcome measurements as well as program and organizational reporting.



The Financial Clinic and Credit Builders Alliance ("CBA") teamed up in July 2014 to enhance the financial security work of the organizations each serves. CBA is a nationally recognized training and technical assistance provider that help organizations move people from poverty to prosperity through credit building. CBA staff moderates the [Credit Builders Forum](#) in the Change Machine Community and leads credit focused Community Events for Change Machine members, providing a critical resource to the field. Both organizations offer discounted access to the other's members tools and supports.



The Financial Clinic and EARN teamed up in October 2015 to enhance the financial security work of the organizations each serves. EARN is a national nonprofit that gives working families the power to create prosperity for generations. As the nation's leading microsavings provider, EARN gives families the tools to achieve life-changing goals such as saving for college, buying a first home, or starting a small business. EARN partners with organizations like The Financial Clinic who seek to empower hard-working Americans with the tools to achieve financial security and confidence. EARN developed the EARN Starter Savings Program to help working families build financial security & confidence by learning how to set aside money on a regular basis. EARN will lead Community Events for Change Machine members on how to sign up for an EARN Starter Savings Program and the sign-up link for an EARN Starter Savings Program will be featured on Change Machine, providing a critical resource to the field.



Queens Legal Services ("QLS") teamed up with The Financial Clinic to bring their legal expertise to support conversations that in the Change Machine Community. QLS seeks equal access to justice for all low-income residents of Queens, New York through a range of legal advocacy, education and community partnerships. The QLS team monitors and responds to posts that are legal in nature to ensure practitioners are not crossing the legal line and OLS reviews and vets more complex financial security content in Change Machine's speciality lessons.

**PREPARE + PROSPER**

The Prepare + Prosper ("P+P") team leads the [Tax Time = Money Moment](#) group in the Change Machine Community. In this group, P+P shares resources with the field about how to promote year-round tax discussions into practitioners and programs' financial capability work. P+P assists Minnesotans to move out of poverty by providing pathways to increase income, build assets, and become financially secure, and by advocating for change that breaks down barriers to financial success. They do this through year round tax and financial services and their financial coaching program, Money Mentors.

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