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### **CRT Accepting Applications for Free Financial Literacy Institute** *Participants learn about credit, investing, homeownership, insurance and more*



**Carmen Acevedo, an Energy Intake Specialist at CRT is focused on her career and glad to have rebuilt her credit since beginning classes with CRT's Financial Literacy Institute**

HARTFORD— Community Renewal Team (CRT) is offering the opportunity to create a brighter financial future for you and your family—all at no cost to you! Whether you're seeking to buy a home, rebuild your credit, understand a household budget or learn tips on saving for your future, CRT's Financial Literacy Institute could be the key to unlocking a stable and prosperous financial future.

The Institute is a free, 14-week course that runs from September 4 through December 7, 2012 at 555 Windsor Street in Hartford. Classes will be held every Tuesday from 6-7:30 pm, and there is ample free off-street parking.

Each year participants learn how to budget; save and invest their money; build or rebuild credit; and deal with the financial stresses of under- and unemployment.

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“Before starting this class, money would leave my account as soon as I got it, and now I have real tools to be financially independent,” said Carmen Acevedo, a graduate from last year’s class. “For one of the first times in my life, I’m happy about where I am financially, and I have turned around my credit status which was very important to me.”

Anyone can apply now for the program by filling out an application form available on the CRT Website at [www.crtct.org](http://www.crtct.org). There you can click on ‘Financial Literacy Institute’ to view and print the form. You may also pick up the application forms at the CRT Resource Center located at 395 Wethersfield Ave. in Hartford. Students are chosen based on the application and an interview. All applications must be submitted to CRT by July 7, 2012.

For more information about this or any other CRT financial program, including the Individual Development Account (IDA) program, contact Andrea Hardy at (860) 560-4210 or [HardyA@crtct.org](mailto:HardyA@crtct.org); you can also contact Terence Durrant at (860) 560-5381 or [DurrantT@crtct.org](mailto:DurrantT@crtct.org).

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