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Kansas Securities Commissioner's Office Staff Lends Expertise and Best Practices for Investing Wisely to the Women & Money Series

TOPEKA – Women in Topeka and the Shawnee County area are invited to participate in the Women & Money classes being offered Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 PM, now through October 30, 2014 at the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library located at 1515 SW 10th Ave. The series of classes is offered by Housing and Credit Counseling, Inc. (HCCI) in partnership with the library. Presentations are designed as a resource for women who want to manage their finances wisely. Women & Money classes are sponsored in part by grants from the Office of the Kansas Securities Commissioner and by other local sponsors.

The Women & Money Series was developed by women for women. Invited speakers are professional women who are experts in their fields of finance, education, law, social security, and family social services. Attorneys and staff from the Office of the Kansas Securities Commissioner have been invited to deliver a session titled "Women and Investing" on Thursday, October 16. They will provide tips for:

- Identifying and understanding the difference between various types of investment professionals
- Understanding the difference between stocks, bonds, and mutual funds
- Understanding risk and knowing your personal risk tolerance
- Recognizing the warning signs of fraud and what to do if you become a victim of fraud

"Studies show that ninety percent of American women will, at some point in life, be in charge of all household financial decisions. This series is invaluable to the women who are in that position now, and empowering to women who have determined not to be caught 'off guard' when it's time to lead," said Securities Commissioner Josh Ney.

The course provides a convenient forum for women to receive sound and unbiased financial information from knowledgeable professionals. Women may attend any or all of the classes. The classes are also offered by webinar. Enrollment is \$25 and covers all classes. To enroll, contact HCCI at 1-800-383-0217 ext. 319 or go to www.hcci-ks.org.

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About Housing and Credit Counseling, Inc.

HCCI is a non-profit agency founded in 1972. HCCI provides counseling and education about budgeting, credit, debt repayment including student loan repayment options, homeownership opportunities and rental housing counseling. HCCI is certified by HUD and accredited by the Council on Accreditation. HCCI is a member of the National Foundation for Credit Counseling and is registered and regulated in Kansas by the Office of the State Bank Commissioner. HCCI has offices in Topeka, Lawrence and Manhattan. For more information, call 1-800-383-0217 x 319 or go to www.hcci-ks.org.