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**ICUL hosts NEFE
'Train the Trainer' session**

Naperville, IL., January 7, 2009 -- The Illinois Youth Involvement Council (IYIC) and University of Illinois Extension recently sponsored an in-depth "Train-the-Trainer" workshop for the National Endowment for Financial Education's (NEFE) High School Financial Planning Program.

The no-cost workshop, for teachers and agency staff who work with young adults (ages 14 - 19), was held at the Illinois Credit Union League's (ICUL) offices in Naperville.

This practical, non-commercial meeting provided training on the updated NEFE High School Financial Planning Program (HSFPP) curriculum.

"The HSFPP material compliments existing curricula being used in high schools and agencies that teach topics such as financial planning, budgeting, investing, credit cards, banking, consumer fraud and identity theft, insurance, and careers," said Kathy Reuter, University of Illinois Extension consumer and family economics educator. Reuter was one of the workshop presenters.

At the meeting, there was in-depth training of some of the curriculum's subject matter, such as investing, using credit, and protecting your identity, with insight on how to present these topics with the HSFPP material to youth. The training also strived to help instructors learn how to use the curriculum effectively, including the supplemental materials, on-line resources, quizzes, tests, and Power Points provided by NEFE, the Extension and ICUL.

All participants received a sample student workbook, instructors' manual and other helpful resources.

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Note: The Illinois Credit Union League (ICUL) is the primary trade association for credit unions in Illinois, which provides members with information, legislation and education. Membership is open to any credit union operating in accordance with the Illinois Credit Union Act or the Federal Credit Union Act. There are 425 credit unions in Illinois with more than 2.7 million members.

Note 2: University of Illinois Extension is the flagship outreach effort of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, offering educational programs to residents of Illinois' 102 counties. Through learning partnerships that put knowledge to work, the Extension offers educational programs in five broad areas:

healthy society, food security and safety, environmental stewardship, sustainable and profitable food production and marketing systems, and enhancing youth, family and community well-being.