

Turning Points Become Financial Fitness Challenges for 2009

Starting a business. Your wedding. The first house, and the birth of a baby. Losing a job. The death of a spouse. These events are significant turning points in a life. Some turning points you happily anticipate, others catch you off guard and unprepared.

No matter which kind, a turning point requires your full attention if you are to navigate it successfully. That means identifying the key questions you need to answer before moving ahead, and lining up resources— including the credit union— that can best help. In 2009, [*Home & Family Finance Resource Center*](#) will focus on a series of major turning points, while continuing its three-year Financial Fitness Challenge.

Each month, we will examine a pivotal life event, in more depth than in a typical feature article. We will use a frequently asked question (FAQ) format and a substantial list of potential resources. The goal is to help members think ahead to how they will manage a turning point, and have the information available in the archive should they need it later.

We will weave the Turning Points together with the Financial Fitness Challenge in a monthly column that may include interviews with regular folks who have experienced a similar life event and with experts. As each Turning Point is a Financial Challenge, the series will help members be prepared to manage these kinds of experiences. Each monthly Challenge and Turning Point also will be highlighted on Home & Family Finance Radio, which airs Sundays at 3:00 p.m. Eastern on the Radio America network.

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