



## Media Fact Sheet

**Company Overview:** Founded in 1987, Take Charge America, Inc. is a national nonprofit agency offering financial education and counseling services including credit counseling, debt management, student loan counseling, housing counseling and bankruptcy counseling. It has helped more than 1.6 million consumers nationwide manage their personal finances and debts.

The organization partners with creditors, credit unions, employers, educational institutions and a variety of community groups in order to reach different segments of the population experiencing a variety of financial challenges.

**Service Overview:** ***Financial Education*** – Take Charge America provides free educational tools, resources and community presentations to help consumers develop effective financial habits, budget to meet living expenses and save for the future.

***Credit Counseling*** – Take Charge America provides free, one-on-one guidance and support to help people find solutions to financial challenges and develop a customized budget and action plan.

***Debt Management*** – Take Charge America offers debt management services to consumers who need extra help paying off personal debts. A debt management plan enables consumers to pay down debt faster with potential creditor concessions.

***Housing Counseling*** – Take Charge America is approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide new homebuyer education and counseling (Arizona only), foreclosure prevention counseling (Arizona only) and reverse mortgage counseling for senior homeowners (nationwide).

***Student Loan Counseling*** – Take Charge America assists consumers struggling with student loan payments, providing guidance about the various courses of action and repayment options.

***Bankruptcy Counseling*** – Take Charge America is approved by the Executive Office for United States Trustees to provide bankruptcy counseling and debtor education courses, educating consumers on bankruptcy outcomes, alternatives and the filing process.

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