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Delta prison empowers 40 women through financial literacy

GREENWOOD - Forty women at Delta Correctional Facility spent five weeks learning about budgeting, saving, and credit building.

The women made up the first class at Delta to participate in the Mississippi Community Financial Access Coalition (MCFAC), Financial Education Boot Camp.

Each graduated on May 27 with a certificate that not only symbolizes their commitment but also serves as a symbol of financial freedom and knowledge of how to apply for small loans upon reintegration into society, said Rochelle Gunn-Hudson, Delta's program director.

Trainers Tijuanda Beckworth and Pamela Hilton, two outside professionals, taught the course.

During the course, participants viewed a short clip depicting real-life financial struggles and successes, which helped deepen their understanding of how credit can significantly impact one's life.

Gunn-Hudson points out that evidence suggests that former inmates often face substantial financial barriers upon release.

"By equipping them with financial literacy, we can help reduce recidivism rates and support them in building sustainable lives post-incarceration. Financial education is more than just numbers; it's about empowerment and the promise of a second chance," Gunn-Hudson said. "Mississippi Community Financial Access Coalition offers incarcerated individuals the opportunity to gain free critical life skills that enable them to successfully transition back into society."

