**Unit 7: Helpful Resources 8/19/15**

There are numerous websites, articles, books, magazines and professional financial advisors to help throughout this process. Here are some of many that are helpful and easy to understand.

Consumer education, discounts and financial services for union members and families

* Union Plus [www.unionplus.org](http://www.unionplus.org)

General financial websites that include an array of articles, tips and tools on money, investments, and financial advice

* Motley Fool: [www.fool.com](http://www.fool.com)
* Savings Advice: [www.savingsadvice.com](http://www.savingsadvice.com)
* Kiplinger: [www.kiplinger.com](http://www.kiplinger.com)

Sources of information on bank products: loans, interest rates, etc.

* Bankrate [www.bankrate.com](http://www.bankrate.com)
* Nerdwallet [www.nerdwallet.org](http://www.nerdwallet.org)

Sources for education on savings and investment as well as general financial management advice

* Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA)

<http://www.finra/investors/prepare-invest>

* American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)

[www.feedthepig.org](http://www.feedthepig.org)

Credit Reports and Credit Scores

* Federal Trade Commission (free credit report)

1-877-322-8228

[www.annualreport.com](http://www.annualreport.com)

Credit Reporting Agencies (fees and/or extra services involved)

* Experian [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)
* Equifax [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)
* Transunion [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)

Credit Counseling Services: (free or low cost)

* National Foundation for Credit Counseling

[www.nfcc.org](http://www.nfcc.org)

800-388-2227

* Money Management International

Through UnionPlus program for union members

www.unionplus.org

1-877-833-1745

Student Loans

* Federal direct loan program

www.ed.gov

* Private student loans

www.salliemae.com

Housing Assistance

* Federal advice and assistance (buying/foreclosure avoidance)

www.hud.gov