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### OACAC Offers Banking Programs to Low-Income Missourians

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Reported by: [Kate Stacy](#)  
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(Springfield, MO) -- There's good news tonight for low-income families looking to beat the odds in this recession. Area financial institutions are coming together to offer traditional banking to new customers.

OACAC is launching a financial access project.

It unites banks, credit counselors, even mortgage and insurance companies to offer access and education for low-income families who might have previously had negative experiences or perhaps never used such resources.

Organizers say often times, these potential clients put themselves at financial risk by keeping their money at home or conducting business with payday loan companies.

"Low income people don't realize some of the services that are out there for them to re-establish themselves financially, rebuild their credit, or just use traditional services that are out there," says project manager Michael Johnson.

The project is funded by stimulus funds and will be available in nine area counties.

Organizers say each program will look different based on that area's specific low income needs.

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The Missouri legislature is considering a bill that would merge the Missouri Highway and Water Patrols. Good idea?

Yes, the state can save some money and be more efficient

No, each department should concentrate on what they do best

Yes, but only if it makes me and my family safer

No, they haven't come up with a good plan yet

I'm not up on this issue

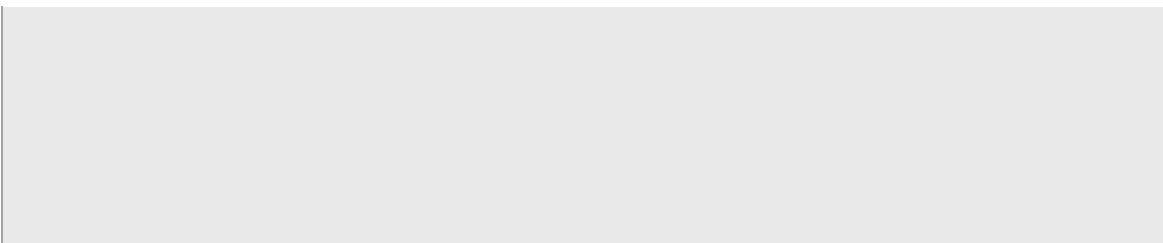
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