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EDUCATION, YOUTH & LIBRARIES COMMITTEE
WEBINAR VIA ZOOM

Webinar Date:	December 10, 2025
Webinar Time:	6:30 PM
Minutes done by:	Leurys Acosta

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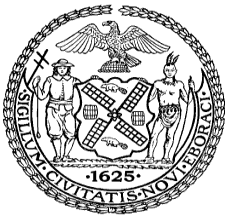
- I. Rising Ground, Kimberly Mejia (Kmejia@risingground.org)
 - A. Presented on their Passage of Hope program, which provides short-term shelter and comprehensive support (clinical, educational, therapeutic, case management) for unaccompanied migrant children who arrive in the U.S. fleeing violence, offering them safety, basic needs.
 - B. The program helps youth strengthen independence and life skills
 - C. They have a full team staffed with a social worker, clinician, case managers, medical coordinator, behavioral crisis intervention specialist, and home finder
 - D. They are actively looking for local residents to provide quality, safe homes for children aged birth to 14. Potential foster parents must meet specific requirements and complete a certification process administered by the agency.

- II. Ryan Arecco, Department of Worker and Consumer Protection (DCWP)
 - A. Presented on DCWP’s Financial Empowerment programs
 - B. Share information on their Financial Literacy for Youth programs:
 1. Working with 15 high schools to give students access to financial and consumer education and real-world exposure to safe and affordable banking options, and to explore additional ways to give students hands-on experience learning about saving and managing money.
 2. Shared tips and resources
 - C. DCWP has Financial Empowerment Centers, which provide free, one-on-one professional financial counseling and coaching to help you reach your goals.

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1. You can book an appointment on nyc.gov/talkmoney

III. Literacy Inc., Arisbel Villa

- A. Arisbel presented and shared info on LINC's early literacy programming
- B. Event at New York Botanical Garden on 12/18 @ 12 pm. Reading, music, movement, and free access to the train show (tailored to 0-5 year olds)
- C. <https://www.lincnyc.org/>