



Meet the Team - Financial Empowerment Center Staff

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Alem Beshir

FEC Program Manager

With over 25 years of experience serving individuals and families, **Alem Beshir** is passionate about helping people access the resources and support they need to thrive. Her strong background in 211 services and Health and Human Services has equipped her to guide community members through a wide range of challenges. Fluent in English, Spanish, and Amharic, and certified as a Financial Counselor, Alem is committed to empowering individuals to build financial stability and reach their goals. In her free time, she enjoys family, travel, and helping small businesses succeed.



Ilaria Buonriposi

FEC Financial Counselor

Ilaria Buonriposi, a National Certified Counselor was born and raised in Italy and has spent many years living in Spanish-speaking countries. Ilaria brings a multicultural perspective to her work and is passionate about helping people from diverse backgrounds navigate financial challenges. Ilaria is fluent in English, Spanish, and Italian and strives to create a welcoming environment where clients feel respected, understood, and supported. Outside of work, Ilaria enjoys volunteering, balcony gardening, exploring different cultures, and trying foods from around the world. Ilaria looks forward to supporting clients on their financial journey

Daphne Carter

FEC Financial Counselor

Daphne Carter brings over 25 years of human services experience, including roles in Adult Protective Services and United Way of Central Maryland. She spent seven years with United Way of Central Maryland, working three years with 211 connecting individuals to critical resources, and four years on the Housing Team supporting tenants through relocation. Prior to that, she served ten years as an investigator and case manager in Adult Protective Services, strengthening her expertise in advocacy and client support. She is now transitioning into a Financial Counselor role, driven by her passion for helping individuals achieve financial stability and long-term success. She enjoys traveling, reading, volunteering, and spending quality time with her family.