

## **MODULE 2**

### **Beginning Employment: Your Wage and Your Paycheck**

**1 hour 30 min**

#### **Objectives**

- to practice figuring hourly wages from pay stub
- to review state and federal minimum wage laws, who is covered, and where to turn for help in case of violations.
- to review history of minimum wage regulations and how they get changed through the political process.

#### **Welcome/Introduction**

##### **Activity 1: Icebreaker: Who is Here?**

Introduce yourself to the others and answer the question(s) posed by the facilitator.

##### **Activity 2: Yvonne's First Paycheck**

In small groups, read "Yvonne's First Paycheck", and analyze the case using the questions at the bottom.

##### **Activity 3: What's on a Pay Slip?**

Review the information that is required on a pay stub, as well as other information that you might find there.

##### **Activity 4: What is the Minimum Wage and Who is Covered?**

Review what state and federal laws say minimum wage: what is it, who is covered, and where to go for help.

##### **Activity 5: It's The Legal Minimum, But Can You Live On It?**

In small groups, fill out the "Living Wage Basic Needs Budget" worksheet. Discuss whether the minimum wage is enough to live on, and how it can be changed.

#### **Summary and Remedies**