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Wealth Education Can Help Women Grow Their Financial Acumen

Women need to close the salary gap and get financially educated," says Beth Blecker, RFC of Eastern Planning, Inc., in Nanuet. Blecker, who counts numerous female entrepreneurs and business executives as clients says: "Women often need a triggering event such as buying or selling a home, losing a job, becoming divorced or realizing the effects of a poor credit score before making the decision to see a financial planner. Once they do however, they are usually pleased with the relationship"

Despite important gains in college attendance rates and career opportunities, millennial women's wealth lags behind that of men according to the report. The median wealth of single millennial men is still 162% greater than that of single millennial women. Broken down further across race and ethnicity, single millennial women have less wealth than single millennial men with single white men having close to six times more wealth than single women of color.

Blecker's Basic Financial Checklist for Women

1. Understand your household cash flow.
2. Have emergency savings to cover six months of living expenses.
3. Reduce debt while investing for retirement.
4. Realize compounding and dividends are your friends. Credit cards are not.
5. Utilize basic financial planning techniques such as asset allocation and diversification.
6. Monitor your credit score. (The lower your score, the more it will cost you in higher interest charges.)

If you'd like to do your part to help close the women-and-wealth gap, please visit: www.easternplanning.com or contact: Susan@easternplanning.com / 845-627-8300 for a complimentary consultation.

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