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SCDCA Hosts Free Forum to Combat Fraud

COLUMBIA, S.C. – The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA) is hosting a free fraud forum in Columbia on June 1 in partnership with the South Carolina Board of Financial Institutions Consumer Finance Division and the Carolinas Credit Union League.

The forum is geared toward community service providers and is meant to raise awareness about current fraud trends, as well as strategies being utilized to combat fraud. Representatives from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Microsoft and the Federal Trade Commission are slated to speak at the forum.

Rounding out the day is a panel discussion on fraud prevention resources that are available to attendees. "We have a better chance of preventing fraud if we coordinate our efforts with those on the frontlines," said SCDCA Administrator Carri Grube Lybarker. "By equipping community service providers with the knowledge and tools to spot a scam, we are able to reach populations we otherwise wouldn't."

Find more information on the forum and register by visiting <u>www.consumer.sc.gov</u> and clicking on Upcoming Events on the right side of the page. Registration will remain open through May 25.

About SCDCA

The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs aims to protect consumers from inequities in the marketplace through advocacy, complaint mediation, enforcement and education. To file a complaint or get information on consumer issues, visit <u>www.consumer.sc.gov</u> or call toll-free, 1-800-922-1594.

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