

**Jumpstart Coalition Financial Literacy for Youth Month
Press Conference: 4/8/03 @ 10:00 a.m.**

- On behalf of Governor Musgrove, let me say what a pleasure it is to be here today
- The Governor was pleased to declare April as Financial Literacy for Youth month.
- Thank you to the JumpStart Coalition for its leadership in educating Mississippi's youth as to the importance of financial literacy and personal finance.
- JumpStart is promoting the teaching of personal finance concepts in classrooms around our state.

- Financial literacy is critical to preparing our students with the skills needed to manage their money in a responsible and beneficial manner so as to provide financial security, rather than financial disaster, for their futures.
 - Fiscal responsibility is critical at all levels of our society – for our children, our families, our state and our future.
 - This is just another way that we are preparing the youth of today, who will be our leaders and our tax payers of tomorrow, with the basic skills that they need to prepare for success.
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