



Irene Nelson~~~~Irene Nelson has had a passion to teach financial life skills since she started teaching special education in 1978. In the 90's she was an advisor with a School to Work Grant through Chief Dull Knife College. Irene was the first teacher sponsor of the First Interstate Mini Bank in Colstrip at the elementary level. In 2001, she received the Montana Governor's Award for Excellence on behalf of the Mini Bank. After 20 years in special education, teaching K-12, she moved to the Frank Brattin Middle School FCS program in 2002. Irene attended FEFE trainings the past two summers. She teaches lessons on Wants, Needs, Savings, Checking Accounts, Budgets and Careers to middle school students.