Savings Tips to Put You on a Better Financial Path Forward

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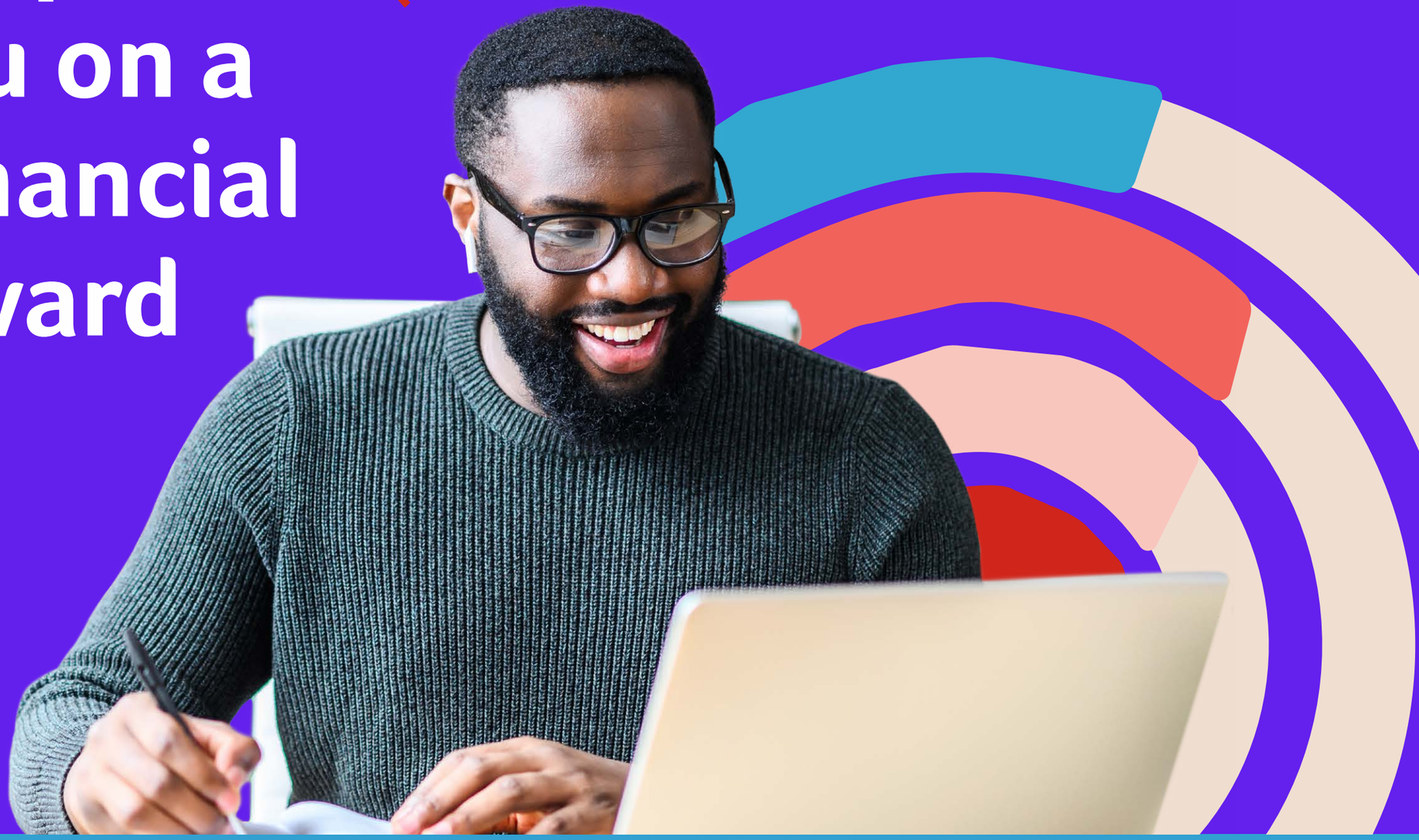


Start Your Savings Journey

For many, the path to financial wellness is a journey, presenting both challenges and opportunities along the way. We know at times it can be overwhelming and if you are feeling that way, you are not alone. More than half of all U.S. households making under $60,000 a year do not have $400 saved for an emergency.[1]

But what if we told you that there are meaningful tools available to help you build your savings[2] and achieve your financial wellness goals?

Wisely® by ADP® positions our members to take a better financial path forward. With a Wisely digital account,[3] you have more control and flexibility when it comes to managing your money.





Now that you know you are not alone in this financial wellness journey, the important thing is to get moving.

If your goal is to run a marathon but you're not a regular gym-goer, you wouldn't start preparing by running six miles a day. Instead, you'd start with smaller, short-term goals like jogging and strength training.

The same applies to saving money. You don't have to start with thousands or even hundreds; start small with $5 or $10 a week. Just $20 each paycheck can turn into nearly $500 in a year.

Tips to start your financial wellness journey

Here's what some Wisely members are doing to build their savings[2] and to spend more wisely. Hopefully, they inspire you to take similar steps to achieve your financial wellness goals.



Move a percentage of your check to Wisely.

For example, I move 15% of my check each pay period, so I've been able to save a lot quicker than I have in the past. It is easy to access if needed but it's nice that it automatically goes into the Wisely [savings envelope[2]]!

– Lindsay R.

When you setup your savings envelopes[2] in the myWisely® app,[4] you can automate the savings process by using auto-transfer. This is a great way to build up your savings[2] without having to regularly remember to transfer money into a separate account.

[Get] Rewards.[5]

– Milton J.

Get rewarded while enjoying the things you love like shopping, dining, and traveling. With Wisely you can earn cash back[5] by purchasing eGift cards – right from the myWisely app.[4]





Try using short term goals that slowly expand over time so you can gradually get into the habit of saving[2] money.

- Stella G

Create SMART goals (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time Bound) and keep in mind that small dollar savings[2] can quickly add up.

Always shop for sales.

-Lamont P.

Remember that every found dollar adds up and can be put into your emergency savings.[2] Don't forget about coupons, which can be found online, in magazines and newspapers. Also, social media sites can help you find inexpensive products and deals by using hashtags like #coupons, #deals and #freebies.





Roll your change up!

– Robby W.

If you pay for something with cash and receive change, save it, roll it up using a coin wrapper, and take it to a bank or change machine to exchange it for dollars. Be mindful that there may be a fee when using a coin machine to exchange your coins.

Last year I saved $2,800 in 7 months using the app. It was the most I saved[2] and motivated me to try and save double this year.

– Gloria W.

Once you have taken steps to save[2] regularly, you can focus on building an emergency savings[2] fund.



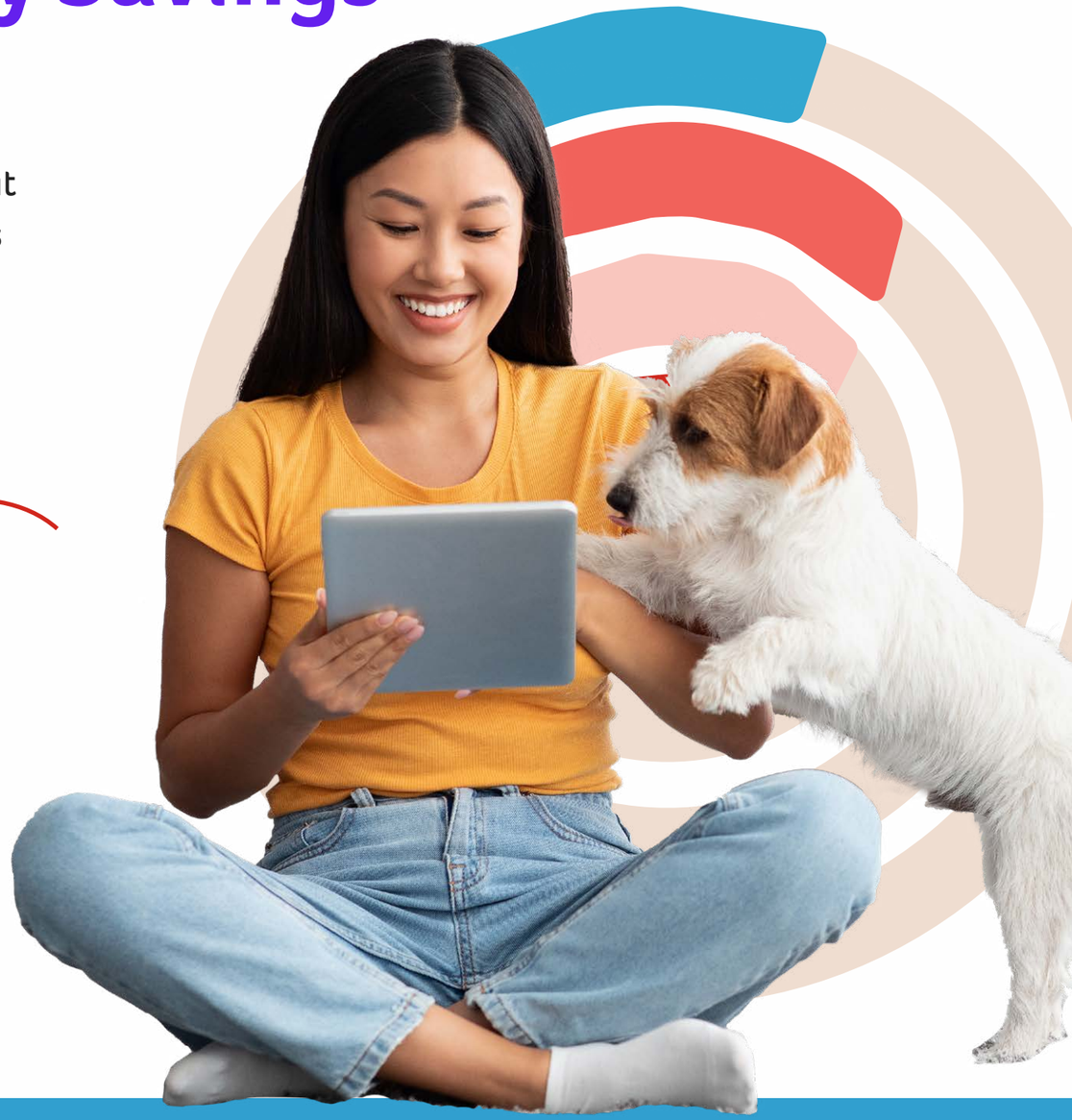
The Importance of Emergency Savings[2]

Having savings[2] set aside for emergencies is the foundation for financial stability. You'll be able to face urgent and unanticipated circumstances without having to be dependent on expensive alternatives, such as high-interest loans or credit card debt.

An emergency savings[2] account will prepare you for two types of occurrences:

Unexpected expenses such as car or home repairs, or a visit to the doctor or vet. Having about $1,000 set aside for these instances can put your mind at ease and will make unforeseen, urgent circumstances more manageable.

Lost income for a prolonged period. Set a goal to save[2] three to six months of expenses, after you have money set aside in your savings[2] envelope for unforeseen expenses. This extra money will assist tremendously if need be.



How Wisely® can help you save[2]

An ideal way to start building up an emergency fund is to create a safe place to put your savings[2] that is separate from money used to pay bills and everyday expenses. A Wisely digital account[3] with mobile app[4] can help support you on your journey towards financial security.



Wisely®

puts you in charge of your money and provides a safe way to manage your account. It has financial wellness tools that allow you to:



Build emergency savings[2]

You can use savings envelopes[2] in the app[4] to organize your income. And the best part is that the savings can be accessed when you need them at no cost.[6]



Track your finances

Use the myWisely app[4] to see where you're spending, stay on top of your balances, and set customized account alerts.[4]



Pay bills[7]

Simply take a picture of your bill or upload an electronic copy. The power to pay any bill quickly and securely is in the palm of your hand, at no cost[6] to you.



Achieve financial flexibility

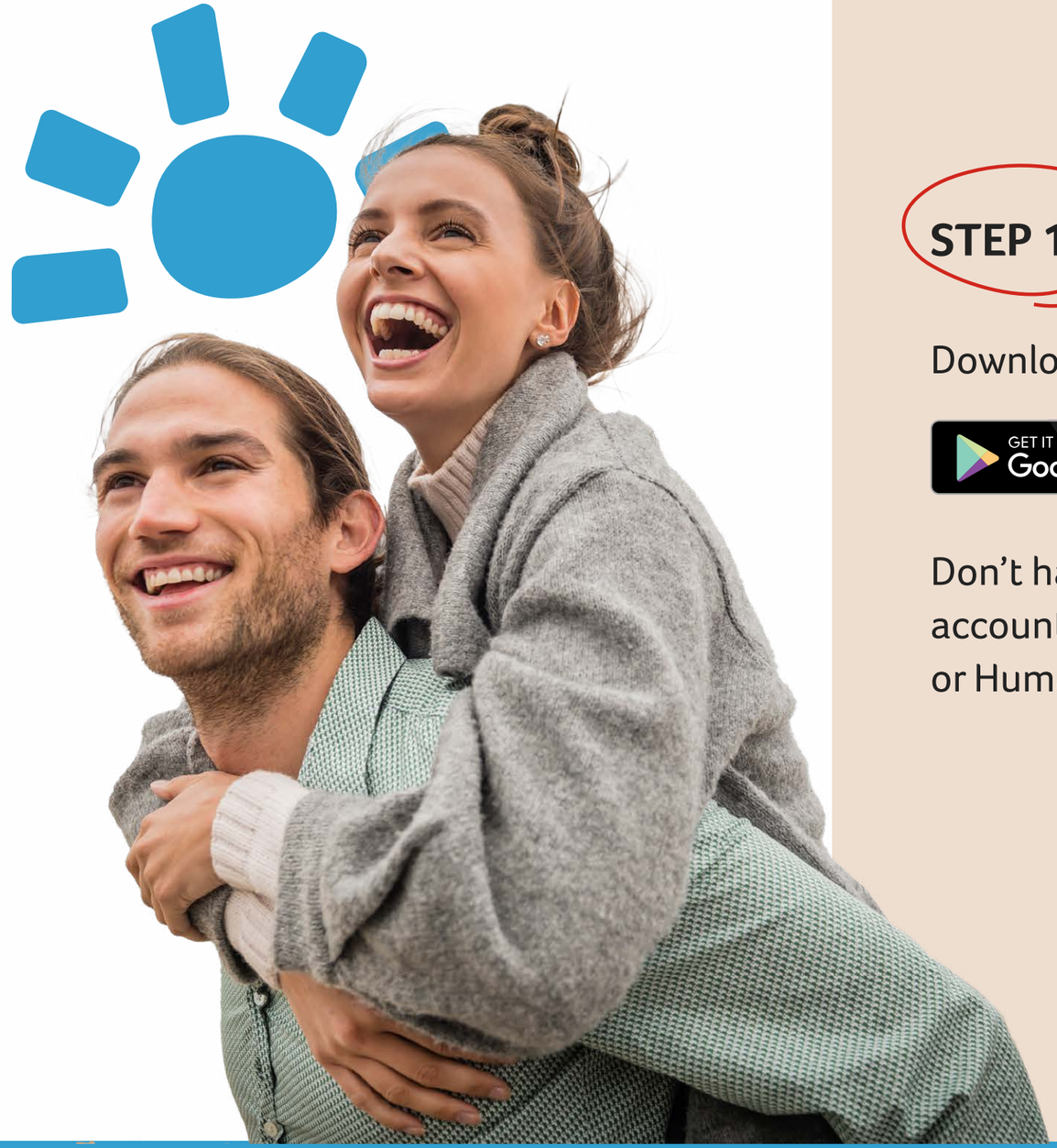
Choosing to get your pay (including other sources of income such as pay from a part-time job, freelance work, your tax refund, etc.[10]) direct deposited[8] to Wisely, will allow you to have access to your funds when you need them. You can also get paid up to 2 days early.[9]

Learn more by visiting mywisely.com/.

Remember, It’s a Journey!

With a bit of planning and tools (like Wisely) that make saving[2] easier, achieving your financial wellness goals is possible. Afford yourself every advantage.™

Take charge of your money today!



STEP 1:

Download the myWisely app.[4]

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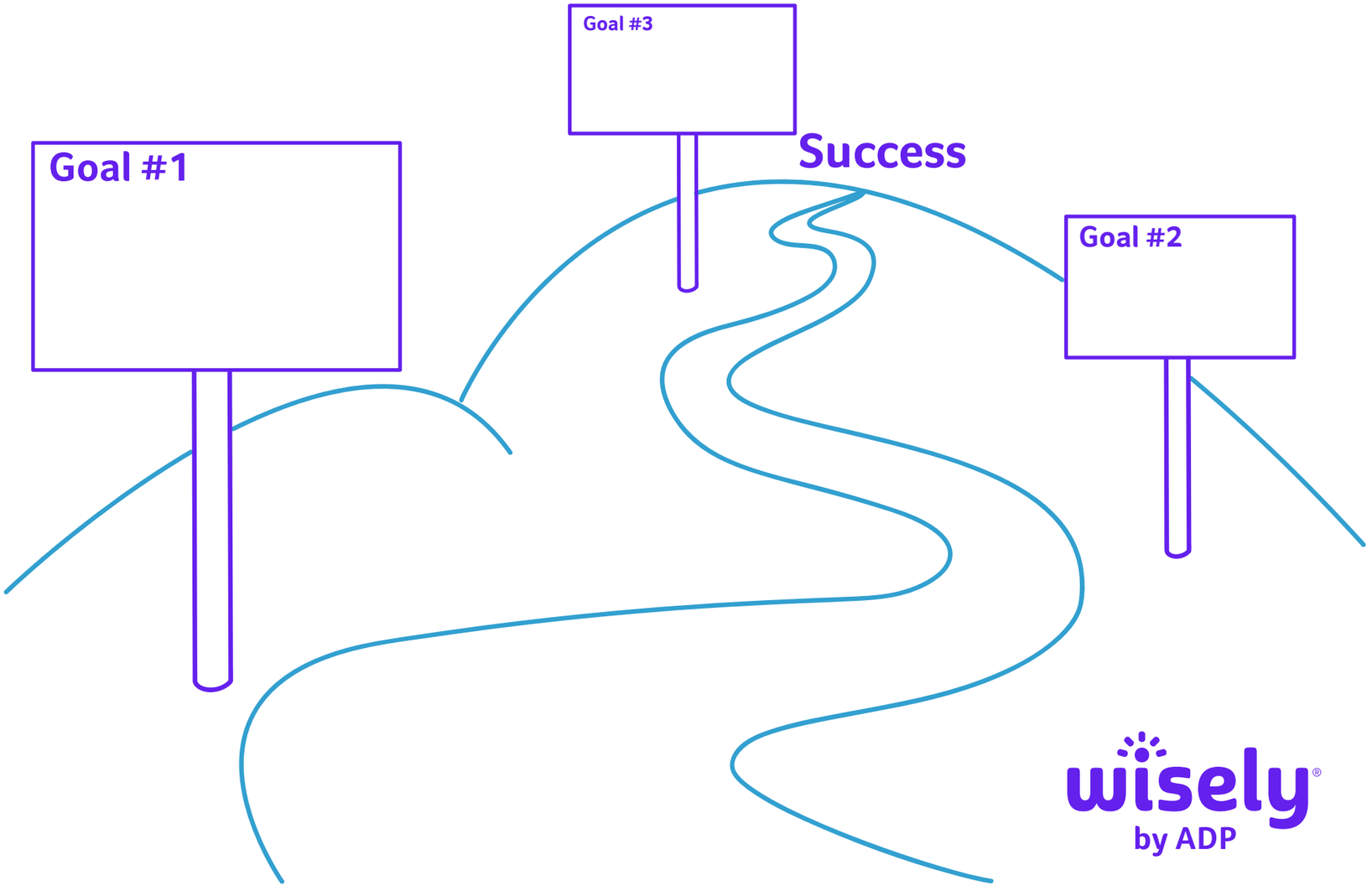
Don’t have a Wisely digital account?[3] Contact your Payroll or Human Resources team.

Financial Wellness Goals



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STEP 2:

Set 3 financial SMART (Specific, Measurable, Actionable, Realistic and Time bound) goals and print this page. Keep it in a visible location and refer to it often, as you work to achieve your goals.

Example: I will save[2] $500 to purchase holiday gifts for family and friends by December 1.



STEP 3:

Start Saving[2] and taking steps towards achieving your financial wellness goals.

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1. “Emergency Savings – Commonwealth.” Commonwealth – Making Wealth Possible For All, Commonwealth, 2022, https://buildcommonwealth.org/our-work/emergency-savings/. Commonwealth analysis of Federal Reserve Report on the economic well-being of U.S. Households 2020
2. Amounts transferred to your savings envelope will no longer appear in your available balance. You can transfer money from your savings envelope back to your available balance using the myWisely app or at mywisely.com.
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4. Standard message and data rates may apply.
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