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== Thank you so much Shajin. As Shajin mentioned, my name is Elizabeth Jennings. I'm a Deputy Director here at National Disability Institute. We're just one member of a multi-member group that is supporting Empower@NYC. You're going to hear from a few of our partners today. Wendy Lopez is the Assistant Director of Special Projects with the New York City Office of Financial Empowerment, Francis Gu, the Vice President of Citi Community Development, and Abby Marshall, the Program Manager of NYC AFMOR with the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities. You're also going to hear from my colleague, Nancy Boudin who's going to provide us the majority of our content today. For those of you who are new to us, we'd like to take a moment to share with you a little bit about Empower@NYC. This is a groundbreaking new partnership dedicated to improving the financial stability of New Yorkers with disabilities and their families. The Empower@NYC collaboration is an initiative that will create, test and promote new strategies to enable New Yorkers with disabilities to improve their financial stability. The initiative will advance financial capability through broad based engagement and education, which are participating in today. Tailored one on one financial counseling enhanced with case expertise, which we'll be launching in just a few months, as - along with outreach and tools and specialized benefit support services, all provided through this pilot financial empowerment program. We have multiple strategic partners that we've brought together to be able to support Empower@NYC. You'll hear from a few of them today as I mentioned. The NYC Office of Financial Empowerment, the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, Citi Community Development, National Disability Institute, the Mayor's Fund to