## **TAKING CONTROL OF YOUR DEBT**

STEP 1	<ul> <li>Start here if you haven't done these already.</li> <li>Review credit report for errors</li> <li>Create emergency savings</li> <li>Pay past due bills</li> </ul>
STEP 2	Create a Debt Log.
STEP 3	<ul> <li>Prioritize Debt Log and decide which strategy to use.</li> <li>Focus on current debt: <ul> <li>Pay more than the minimum</li> <li>Request interest rate deductions</li> <li>Debt Snowball</li> <li>Interest Avalanche</li> </ul> </li> <li>Focus on debt in collections: <ul> <li>Settle debt in collections</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
STEP 4	<ul> <li>Negotiate a payment plan for a debt in collections</li> <li>Revisit and revise budget to make sure you can afford your plan.</li> </ul>

## **Debt Action Plan**

Debt	Strategies	By When?