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New Training Updates for Housing Counselors:

1. **HUD Training for Housing Counselors:** Visit the HUD Office of Housing Counseling (OHC) Training Calendar [on-line](#). Visit the [OHC Webinar Archive](#) to view archival copies of past training events. Visit [FHA's Webinar Archive](#) to view training on insured mortgage programs like HECM, 203K, non-profit programs, disaster recovery and much more.
 - January 06, 2015 – Webinar: During this session, the trainers will talk about the main changes made by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) with the implementation of the new unified Circular. They will highlight the most critical aspects that could affect HUD grantees and the way they account for grant funding. They will break it out in topic areas to make it easy to understand and apply at the grantee level and for the HUD Points of Contact (POC)s to understand what they should be expecting going forward. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. [Register now!](#)
 - HUD Exchange: HUD has launched an online curriculum, including video, dynamic presentations and self-paced training modules, designed to help HUD partners understand Federal financial requirements. The HUD Exchange Training and Events website also has many other courses and training opportunities of interest to non-profit and local government agencies. Visit [HUD Exchange](#) to learn more and register for training opportunities.
 - HUD Exchange Financial Management Curriculum: Completing the financial management curriculum will assist grantees and sub-recipients to comply with federal grant requirements, increase effectiveness, and maximize efficiency. The first course, Financial Management 101, provides an introduction to key topics and financial management basics. [View on-line](#).
2. **IRS Educational Training for Exempt Organizations:** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) offers training for non-profit organizations. Visit their website to [view the IRS training calendar](#). The IRS provides training for tax-exempt organizations and charitable organizations seeking tax-exempt status at:

www.StayExempt.irs.gov. The site includes information for new applicants; information to help existing exempt organizations maintain their exemption; and more in-depth topics. Also [View the IRS webinar course catalog](#) for workshops you can take on-line. Training dates include:

- January 09, 2015 - Salt Lake City, UT
- May 12, 2015 - St. Louis, MO
- May 14, 2015 - Springfield, MO

3. NeighborWorks® Training Opportunities: More information can be found on their [training calendar](#). For On-line training: visit [NeighborWorks® Training Website](#) to see their on-line course catalog and register for training opportunities.

- NeighborWorks Updated HECM Basics eLearning Course: Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) Counseling Basics Overview, an eLearning course, has been updated with the latest information on loan costs, loan calculation, payment plans, HECM counseling session requirements, and post-counseling follow-up. To register visit NW [online](#).
- The New NeighborWorks Store: NeighborWorks Center for Homeownership Education and Counseling (NCHEC) is a leading resource on pre-purchase and post-purchase homeowner education. Prospective homeowners learn the entire home-buying process, from managing money and understanding credit to securing a mortgage loan and shopping for a home in Realizing the American Dream. The manual's teaching companion, realizing the American Dream Trainer's Manual, provides instructors with teaching tools, activities, worksheets and visual aids. Are you counseling homeowners? Keeping the American Dream will give them the skills they need to remain secure in their new home purchase. To learn more about these publications or make a purchase, visit [NeighborWorksStore.org](#).
- NeighborWorks® Training Institutes: Learn, network and share best practices -- building your skills, maximizing your effectiveness and impact of your Agency.
 - February 23-27, 2015 - Los Angeles, CA, [Register on-line](#)

4. NHNLA Training for Housing Counselors: The National Council of La Raza Homeownership Network Learning Alliance (NHNLA) offers housing counselors extensive on-line and in-person training opportunities on a variety of topics. For more information, registration, and course details, please visit the [NHNLA training Calendar](#). Please see the list of new courses below:

- January 05-09, 2015 - Phoenix, Arizona: Pre-Purchase I, Implementing and Growing Your Homebuyer Education Program, Transitioning from Foreclosure to Pre-Purchase
- January 13, 2015 - Webinar: Predatory Lending
- January 15, 2015 - Webinar: Basic Client Management Using HCO
- January 20, 2015 - Webinar: Advanced Client Management Using HCO
- January 22, 2015 - Webinar: HUD Compliance
- January 27, 2015 - Webinar: Fair Housing
- February 01, 2015 - elearning 3 week course: Housing Counseling Competency: Dodd-Frank Act Prep Course
- February 01, 2015 - elearning 1 week course: Housing Counseling Competency: Financial Management
- February 01, 2015 - elearning 1 week course: Housing Counseling Competency: Property Maintenance
- February 01, 2015 - elearning 1 week course: Housing Counseling Competency: Responsibilities of Homeownership and Tenancy
- March 02, 2015 - elearning 3 week course: Foreclosure I
- March 02, 2015 - Financial Counseling
- March 02, 2015 - elearning 3 week course: Housing Counseling Competency: Dodd-Frank Act Prep Course (Spanish)
- April 01, 2015 - elearning 3 week course: Housing Counseling Competency: Dodd-Frank Act Prep Course
- April 01, 2015 - elearning 1 week course: Housing Counseling Competency: Fair Housing
- April 01, 2015 - elearning 1 week course: Housing Counseling Competency: Housing Affordability
- April 01, 2015 - elearning 1 week course: Housing Counseling Competency: Avoidance of Foreclosure and Eviction
- April 01, 2015 - elearning 3 week course: Foreclosure II
- May 13-15, 2015 - Hartford, CT: Housing Counseling Program Management, Financial Counseling, Housing Counseling Competency: Dodd-Frank Act Prep Course, Rental Counseling
- May 21, 2015 - Webinar: Fair Housing
- May 26, 2015 - Webinar: Basic Client Management Using Home Counselor
- May 27, 2015 - Webinar: Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) Counseling
- May 28, 2015 - Webinar: Advanced Client Management Using Home Counselor Online

5. National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC) National Training Academy comes to Washington DC: The conference is an opportunity to engage with colleagues on issues such as mortgage servicing, exclusionary zoning, Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing, disparate impact, and other important community concerns. This includes gaining a clear understanding

of emerging legal issues and cases, and how they may affect local communities.

- March 25, 2015 - NCRC Annual Conference. Register [on-line](#).
- March 25-28, 2015 - NCRC Annual Conference Housing Counseling Course. Test Taking Practices: Scholarships are available, Register [on-line](#)
- Now through January 30 2015 - Dodd Frank e-Learning Series:
 - [Module 1: Financial Management](#)
 - [Module 2: Property Maintenance](#)
 - [Module 3: Rights and Responsibilities of Homeownership and Tenancy](#)
 - [Module 4: Fair Housing](#)
 - [Module 5: Housing Affordability](#)
 - [Module 6: Avoiding Delinquency/Default and Eviction](#)
 - [Module 1-6](#)
- January 26- 30, 2015 - San Francisco, CA. Housing Counseling Training. [Scholarships are now available](#). Courses include:
 - [HC 108: Housing Counseling Program Requirements](#)
 - [HC 121: American Disability Act](#)
 - [HC 102: Pre Purchase](#)
 - [FH203: Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing](#)
- March 25-28, 2015 - NCRC Annual Conference Housing Counseling Course. Dodd Frank Test Taking Practices: Preparing for the HUD Certification Exam. Scholarships are available, Register [on-line](#)

This course is designed to provide housing counseling practitioners with test-taking tools and strategies to prepare for and pass the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) competency certification examinations. This course does not replace content mastery, which can be obtained through the NCRC Dodd-Frank e-learning Training Series, but is designed to teach practitioners methods that will increase the probability of passing the HUD examination. The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act requires counselors at HUD-approved housing counseling organizations to be certified by HUD as competent to provide comprehensive counseling services. As a result, HUD will administer a standardized exam testing counselors' competencies in six major areas of housing counseling. The National Training Academy will provide a review and a certificate of completion for each of the required competency areas.

The competency areas are:

- Financial Management
- Home Maintenance and Financial Management for New Homeowners
- Consumer Rights and Responsibilities of Homeownership and Tenancy
- Fair Housing
- Housing Affordability
- Avoiding Delinquency/Default and Eviction.

6. FHA Servicing & Loss Mitigation Training:

- Classroom Training. Early Delinquency Servicing Activities and HUD's Loss Mitigation Training. Classroom training is for HUD-approved mortgagees, HUD-approved Housing Counselors, and Nonprofit Housing Counselors. For-profit Housing Counselors are not permitted to attend this training. This training covers a broad range and includes full coverage on: HUD Handbook 4330.1 REV-5, Chapter 7, Delinquencies, Defaults, Mortgage Collection Activities and HUD's Loss Mitigation Waterfall Program. Additionally, overviews will be presented pertaining to Extension of Time Requests and Variances and Single Family Default Monitoring System. No fee. Space is limited to 45 participants; Registration is first come, first served. For more information, please email: eclass@hud.gov, Register [on-line](#). Training dates include:
 - February 24-25, 2015 - Oklahoma City, OK
 - May 12-13, 2015 - Oklahoma City, OK
 - August 11-12, 2015 - Oklahoma City, OK
- Webinar Training. Open to FHA-Approved Servicers and FHA-Approved Housing Counselors. A valid company email address and the FHA 5-digit Lender and/or Agency ID are required at the time of registration. No fee. For additional information, please email: Stacey.a.brown@hud.gov
 - January 07, 2015 - Webinar V.1: SFDMS - Reporting Basics. FHA's National Servicing Center will provide guidance to FHA Servicers covering the basics of reporting information on defaulted FHA loans to HUD through the Single Family Default Monitoring System (SFDMS). Topics will include: Deadlines, EDI files vs. manual reporting, reporting resources. Register [on-line](#)
 - January 14, 2015 - Webinar V.2: SFDMS - Reporting Examples. FHA's National Servicing Center will provide FHA-Approved Servicers an opportunity to review various default scenarios and the SFDMS reporting that should be associated with each scenario. Examples will include: Default, Loss Mitigation, Bankruptcy, and Foreclosure. Register [on-line](#)

- January 21, 2015 - Webinar V.3: SFDMS - Errors. FHA's National Servicing Center will provide FHA-Approved Servicers the opportunity to review what causes fatal and non-fatal errors in SFDMS reporting, and what can be done to prevent or fix the problems. Servicers will also learn how SFDMS reporting affects their TRS II score. Register [on-line](#)
- January 27, 2015 - HUD Extension of Time and Variance Request System (EVARS) Training. This webinar will enhance the Lender's understanding of HUD's minimum time requirements for submission of an extension of time request, as well as the Lender's understanding of when a variance from HUD's policy is required. Topics to be covered include: types of extensions and variances, events that affect the First Legal Deadline, system access, and how to submit both an Extension of Time Request and Variance. Register [on-line](#).
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7. Making Home Affordable (MHA): These webinars are designed specifically for housing counselors and other trusted advisors. Register [on-line](#):

- January 06, 2015 - Case Escalations for Trusted Advisors
- January 08, 2015 - CheckMyNPV.com
- January 21, 2015 - MHA Base NPV v5.02
- January 22, 2015 - Indiana Hardest Hit Fund Overview
- January 26, 2015 - Home Affordable Modification Program Webinar: Part 1
- January 27, 2015 - Unemployment Program for Trusted Advisors
- January 29, 2015 - Home Affordable Modification Program Webinar: Part 2

8. Marketing 101 by VHDA: The Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) is providing [YouTube](#) video training for non-profit agencies on how to market the services your agency offers. Additionally, they have posted many more informative training videos for non-profit agencies and consumers; please visit their [YouTube Channel](#) to view all their current training offerings.

9. OCC Financial Literacy Update: The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC)'s Financial Literacy Update is a bimonthly e-newsletter that reports financial literacy events, initiatives, and related resources of the OCC and other government agencies and organizations. Financial Literacy Update provides brief descriptions and Web links for events and training. Housing Counselors can visit the Financial Literacy Update [on-line](#).

HUD-OHC Listserv Bulk subscriptions:

Some housing counselors have asked, "How do I sign up my entire agency staff for HUD Office of Housing Counseling (HUD-OHC) listserv updates?" It is easy... Just list your staff email addresses like this:

aaa@xyz.com
bbb@xyz.com
ccc@xyz.com

You can send in one email address or your entire agency. Then [Email your list](#) to HUD-OHC. If you have a housing counseling industry friend who you want to subscribe to this listserv, there are 2 other ways to sign up: Send them this [link](#) or forward them this email.

Some Helpful Links for Housing Counselors:

- [Email Technical Support for Housing Counselors](#)
 - [HUD Housing Counseling Webpage](#)
 - [The Bridge Housing Counseling Newsletter Archive](#)
 - [Housing Counseling Listserv Archive](#)
 - [OHC Webinar Archive](#)
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