

**From:** Mayer, Jerrold H

**Sent:** Thursday, June 04, 2015 9:35 AM

**To:** 'SF-HOUSING-COUNSELING-L@hudlist.hud.gov'

**Subject:** HUD LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE FOR HOUSING COUNSELING AGENCIES, & Housing Counseling Stakeholder Call on the Housing Counselor Certification Website, &

All-

## **HUD LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE FOR HOUSING COUNSELING AGENCIES:**

Online training to improve counseling skills and customer service

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) today unveiled a [new website](#) specifically designed for HUD-approved housing counseling agencies, offering free on-line training covering a broad range of topics including responsibilities of homeownership and tenancy; avoiding foreclosure and eviction; financial management; and fair housing. The training is designed to help prepare housing counselors for the upcoming, mandatory HUD-certified counselor examination.

Sarah Gerecke, HUD's Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Housing Counseling said, "We're very excited to offer this free, on-line training and encourage housing counselors to take full advantage of this opportunity in advance of the publication of the final rule for housing counselor certification. This training covers a broad spectrum of housing issues required under the statute and creates a national baseline of knowledge for housing counselors. In the end, we hope the curriculum will ultimately prove beneficial to housing counseling clients that we all serve."

The training offered through this new online platform is not intended to replace existing housing counselor training offered by other entities. HUD will continue to urge housing counselors to participate in other training opportunities offered by HUD Housing Counseling Program Training grantees and other providers. [Read more about the training opportunities for housing counselors.](#)

HUD's new housing counselor website offers a downloadable study guide that can be accessed through tablets and other devices and will also be available in Spanish in the near future. Access to the housing counselor certification examination will become available after the final rule on HUD Housing Counselor Certification Program is published.

On September 13, 2013, HUD published a [proposed rule](#) outlining housing counseling certification requirements. HUD continues work on the final rule including considering all comments received during the comment period. HUD is committed to minimizing disruption to counseling agencies and their clients and to improving counselor mastery of the subject areas that will be covered by

certification. [Read some Frequently Asked Questions about HUD housing counselor certification.](#)

Read the press release on HUD's [website](#).

AND

### **Housing Counseling Stakeholder Call on the Housing Counselor Certification Website:**

Please join HUD Office of Housing Counseling Deputy Assistant Secretary Sarah Gerecke for a conference call with housing counseling stakeholders to announce the launch of HUD's Housing Counselor Certification website. This website is an important step to help you get ready for the upcoming housing counselor certification examination. The website offers free on-line training and a downloadable study guide covering a broad range of statute topics.

- Thursday, June 04, 2015 - 4:00PM to 4:30PM Eastern Time
- Teleconference Dial-In Number: (866) 216-6835
- Participant Access Code: 655776

Registration is not required. This call will be recorded for future playback.

---

### **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](mailto:aaa@xyz.com)  
[bbb@xyz.com](mailto:bbb@xyz.com)  
[ccc@xyz.com](mailto: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](#)
  - [Events & Training Calendar](#)
  - [Contracting Opportunities](#)
  - [Employment Opportunities](#)
  - [Grant Opportunities](#)
  - [Disaster Recovery Resources](#)
  - [Foreclosure Assistance](#)
  - [Making Home Affordable](#)
  - [FHA Resource Center](#)
  - [Index of HUD Listserv Mailing Lists](#)
- 

**Disclaimer:** This list will often provide training opportunities, event notifications and other announcements for non-profit and government HUD Housing Counseling partners. HUD does not endorse the organizations sponsoring linked websites, and we do not endorse the views they express or the products/services they or their community/business partner's offer. For more information please see [HUD's web policies](#).

---

**Unsubscribe:** Click here to [unsubscribe](#), then click on "Housing Counseling" and follow the unsubscribe instructions on that page.

**Thank you!!!!**