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New Training Updates for Housing Counselors:

- 1. HUD OHC Webinar Training for Housing Counselors:** Visit the HUD Office of Housing Counseling (OHC) Training Calendar [on-line](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. All OHC webinars can be attended free of charge. [View System Requirements](#). All OHC webinars will be archived in the [OHC Webinar Archive](#). Please direct questions to: housing.counseling@hud.gov.
 - August 24, 2015 - Webinar: Grant Financial Reporting. This training will include a detailed look at all of the financial grant reporting required under the HUD housing counseling grant agreement including preparing the quarterly report, Federal Financial Reports Standard Form 425 (SF-425) for SHFAs, MSOs and Intermediaries, the final report for LHCAs, and properly accounting for the grant in the organization's general ledger on an accrual basis of accounting. HUD instructors will review the composition of the SF-425, how this form should be completed; the meaning of each item described in it; and when and how often it needs to be completed and submitted to the grantees cognizant agency. They will also conduct a detailed look at the various components of the quarterly reports as required in the NOFA and will explain what each of the required documents mean and provide examples. In addition, HUD will talk about the issues found in previous reviews related to the quarterly reports and will review the requirement for the grant to be maintained on an accrual basis of accounting in the grantee's accounting system. [Register on-line](#)
 - August 25, 2015 - Webinar: Protecting PII/Privacy Training for Housing Counselors. Attendees will learn about the importance of protecting Personal Identity Information as well as strategies, techniques and best practices for housing counseling agencies to follow when collecting and storing PII. Sponsored by HUD's OHC. Register [on-line](#).
 - September 08, 2015 - Webinar: SBA Disaster Programs. Please join HUD's OHC and the Small Business Administration (SBA) for an informative webinar on SBA disaster programs and resources available for housing counselors. Register [on-line](#).
 - September 22, 2015 - Webinar: FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program Training for Housing Counselors: Housing Counselors are invited

to join HUD's OHC and The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for this important training on FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Learn about the NFIP, flood insurance premiums and federal assistance that are available to homeowners and renters. Register [on-line](#).

- 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 housing counselors, non-profit and local government agencies. To access HUD Exchange you must first create an account. This [document](#) contains step by step instructions for creating an account on the HUD Exchange website. Once you have created an account, you will be able to access different HUD Exchange components. 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. [View the IRS training calendar](#). Training dates include:

- August 18, 2015 - San Francisco, CA.
- August 19, 2015 - San Francisco, CA.
- September 02, 2015 - Albuquerque, NM.
- September 03, 2015 - Albuquerque, NM.
- September 10, 2015 - New York City, NY.
- September 10, 2015 - Des Moines, IA.
- September 24, 2015 - Austin, TX.

Also [view the IRS webinar course catalog](#). The IRS also provides [on-line](#) training for tax-exempt organizations and charitable organizations seeking tax-exempt status. The site includes information for new applicants; information to help existing exempt organizations maintain their exemption; and more in-depth topics.

3. Water Wednesday's Training: HUD and EPA have launched a series of webcasts on water conservation and water efficiency for HUD partners and

stakeholders. For further information and registration, please visit EPA [on-line](#).
Upcoming Webinar Schedule:

- August 26, 2015 - Tracking Water & Energy Savings.
- September 16, 2015 - Incorporating Green Infrastructure into Housing Developments.
- October 28, 2015 - Greywater Reuse: Is it Right for Your Facilities?

4. NeighborWorks® Training Opportunities: Visit NeighborWorks® [Training Website](#) to see their on-line course catalog and register for training opportunities.

- NeighborWorks® Training Institutes (NTI). Registration, class schedules, scholarships, and other information can be found [on-line](#).
 - December 07-11, 2015 - Washington, DC.
 - February 22-26, 2106 - Atlanta, GA.
 - May 02-06, 2016 - Los Angeles, CA.
 - August 08-12, 2016 - Detroit, MI.
- Building Pathways to Financial Resilience at the Philadelphia NeighborWorks® Training Institute. August 19, 2015 - Explore the many facets of life - housing, health, education, and workplace - that are impacted by an individuals' or families' financial situation at this financial capability - themed symposium. Keynote speakers include Jonathan Mintz (Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund) and Jonathan Morduch (U.S. Financial Diaries). Join with NeighborWorks® to collaborate across sectors, hear breakthrough insights and discover approaches that generate success. Learn more [on-line](#).
- NeighborWorks®' Four-Week Online Financial Capability Course: September 01, 2015 - In Measuring the Impact of Financial Capability Programs, a Virtual Classroom course, learn how essential a targeted and effective evaluation strategy is to understanding and demonstrating the positive impact of your financial capability program. Registration begins August 03, 2015. For more information, visit NeighborWorks® [online](#).

5. National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC) Training: For more information, please contact Nsonye Anarado at: (202) 524-4883 or nanarado@ncrc.org.

- August 18, 2015 - Worker Cooperatives: A Strategy for Stabilizing Jobs and Building Wealth in Our Communities - Live Q&A: This webinar covers the basics of worker cooperatives, how they are used as a tool in community development, and some of the basic financing implications for co-op development. Register [on-line](#).

- August 21, 2015 - Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Final Rule - Live: This webinar is to increase awareness about the HUD's AFFH final rule. In this webinar you will hear from national legal and planning experts about the AFFH final rule, the Assessment of Fair Housing template, and how its critical tenets provide clear guidance to entitlement jurisdictions, Public Housing Authorities, states, sub-grantees and others on their obligation under the Fair Housing Act, as amended. Register [on-line](#).
- August 03-31, 2015 - Small Business Teaming: an Overview - Pre-recorded webinar: NCRC's Small Business Teaming Center presents an overview of small business teaming including the benefits and the challenges. Register [on-line](#).
- August 03-31, 2015 - Essential Legal Documents for Effective Small Business Teaming - Pre-recorded. In this webinar, experts will discuss Non-Disclosure Agreements, teaming arrangements, and subcontracts. Register [on-line](#).
- August 03-31, 2015 - Disparate Impact Doctrine - Pre-recorded: This webinar will discuss the Supreme Court's decision in the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs v. The Inclusive Communities Project. For decades, it has been affirmed by the courts that disparate impact is a cognizable theory that can be used under the Fair Housing Act, and now the Supreme Court has weighed in and affirmed it. Register [on-line](#).
- October 1-30, 2015 - Overview of CFPB-Mandated Changes That Affect Consumers and Housing Counseling - Pre-recorded: Learn about the regulatory changes mandated under the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act that affect mortgage loan origination and servicing, and how they impact consumers and housing counseling. The rules amend several existing regulations under the Truth in Lending Act (TILA) and the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA). Register [on-line](#).
- September 21-25, 2015 - Las Vegas, NV. NCRC National Training Academy Presents Housing Counseling Training: Housing counselors and professional staff affiliated with HUD Approved Housing Counseling Agencies are invited to attend live housing counseling training courses. All participants will receive a tuition scholarship to attend these courses, no application is required. Courses include:
 - Sept 21-25, 2015 - Foreclosure Intervention: This five day course will demonstrate how housing counselors and advocates can apply strategies and tools to efficiently, effectively and successfully assist homeowners with their foreclosure intervention efforts. This course will also provide tools for planning and conducting efficient investigations

through interviews, document reviews, site visits, and formal discovery processes. Register [on-line](#).

- Sept 21-24, 2015 - Housing Counseling Basics: This four day course will introduce new counselors to the principles and applications of housing counseling from the lender's and the counselor's points of view and review the skills and tools needed to be an effective housing counselor. The course will present information on a variety of mortgage products, homebuyer education, program administration and information to prepare for the HUD Housing Counselor Certification exam. Register [on-line](#).
- Sept 21-22, 2015 - Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing: Learn about Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) requirements and regulations that spell out the fair housing obligations of states, cities and towns across America. Register [on-line](#).
- Sept 23-25, 2015 - Financial Literacy, Module One: This is a multi-module course designed to help participants better manage their financial resources, track their daily spending habits, and identify tools that will help them become better money managers. The course also reviews the basics of understanding money, banking, and financial institutions, as well as the importance of keeping your financial house in order and understanding your credit report. The course will also explore the key elements of evaluating a financial education program in relation to financial educators. Register [on-line](#).
- Save the date for NCRC upcoming Training Series at the following locations:
 - Ft. Lauderdale, FL in November 2015
 - Houston, TX in January 2016
 - Cleveland, OH in May 2016

6. NCLR Homeownership Network Learning Alliance (NHNLA) Training for Housing Counselors: For more information, please contact Cynthia Parra at: (602) 507-6208 or nhnla@nclr.org.

- August 24-28, 2015 - San Francisco, CA, NHNLA Presents Housing Counseling Training Tuition Scholarships are available for all trainings. Apply [on-line](#).
 - August 24-25, 2015 - Transitioning from Foreclosure to Pre Purchase: This two day course helps housing counselors prepare clients who are currently going through foreclosure or have previously gone through a foreclosure, get back on their feet, prepare to rent, and eventually purchase a home again. This course picks up where the current

Foreclosure Counseling class by NHNLA leaves off and looks at additional strategies to help prevent foreclosure. The curriculum aims to give the Housing Counselor the tools and knowledge to work with the “Formerly Foreclosed” to assist them in obtaining homeownership, and do so in a more sustainable way! Register [on-line](#).

- August 24-25, 2015 - Housing Counseling Competency: HUD Housing Counselor Certification Prep Course: This training will help nonprofit housing counseling agencies in the San Francisco and Bay area prepare Housing Counselors for the upcoming national certification. The fast-paced two day course is a refresher on all six topics Housing Counselors must be proficient in. There is no charge for the course. Register [on-line](#).
- August 26-28, 2015 - Pre-purchase I: Fundamentals of Pre-purchase Homebuyer Counseling: This three day training covers the fundamentals of housing counseling in addition to the counseling structure, templates, training on client management systems, and HUD housing counseling requirements. This course is unique from other introductory trainings as it explains the counseling process in addition to providing the factual information that new housing counselors need to perform their job effectively. Register [on-line](#).
- August 26-27, 2015 - Housing Counseling Competency: HUD Housing Counselor Certification Prep Course: This course aims to prepare Housing Counselors for the upcoming national certification. The fast-paced two day course is a refresher on all six topics Housing Counselors must be proficient in: Financial Management; Property Maintenance; Responsibilities of Homeownership and Tenancy; Fair Housing Laws and Requirements; Housing Affordability; and Avoidance of Rental and Mortgage Delinquency and Eviction and Mortgage Default. Register [on-line](#).
- September 15-29, 2015 – NHNLA Live Webinar Training Daily at Noon-2pm EST:
 - September 15, 2015 - Predatory Lending: The rise in aggressive, high cost predatory lending during the last two decades has caused deep and widespread havoc on the American economy. Consumers have borne the brunt of the fallout from the crisis through foreclosures, loss of home equity, displacement, and the emergence of a highly restrictive credit marketplace. This webinar is designed to give counselors and advocates a brief overview of abusive lending practices - both in the high-cost small loan and mortgage lending marketplace. Register [on-line](#).
 - September 17, 2015 - Basic Client Management Using HCO: This webinar is designed for housing counselors to learn each step of client

management in HCO from intake to reporting and closing a file via visual screenshots. A detailed manual will be provided outlining the minimum data entry required to avoid alerts and step-by-step instructions. Course will include detailed instructions about: client intake and follow-up, closing a file, group education registration and attendance, avoiding errors on your 9902 and NFMC reports. Register [on-line](#).

- September 22, 2015 - Basic Client Management using CMAX: Learn about the client management flow in CounselorMax from start to finish: New prospect, counseling, through to a resolution. The course includes Homebuyer Education scheduling, reminding, and flow of an education only client; using your calendar & reminders to maximize efficiency and overview of the 9902 report. Also, 10 must know tips on using CounselorMax daily. Register [on-line](#).
- September 24, 2015 - Disaster Victims Counseling: Clients who are experiencing difficulties related to natural disasters have specific needs that can be more complicated than those with day-to-day issues. This course covers disaster victims' short-term and long-term needs, the financial issues related to destroyed homes, access to mental health resources, the role of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), assistance programs, and techniques for working with insurance companies and navigating their payment process. Register [on-line](#).
- September 29, 2015 - Fair Housing: It is estimated that more than four million instances of housing discrimination occur annually in the United States and yet fewer than 30,000 complaints are filed every year. Millions of acts of rental, sales, lending, and insurance discrimination go virtually unchecked. It is crucial that Housing Counselors have a true understanding of Fair Housing Laws in order to properly serve clients and help prevent abuses of the Fair Housing Laws. Register [on-line](#).

7. The Counselor's Corner Training: For more information visit The Counselor's Corner [website](#). Membership is free.

- Webinar: Beginner Course - Certified Military Home Specialist. Sponsored by The Counselor's Corner and Boots Across America. This beginner course is designed to acquaint housing professionals with military terminology that is often foreign to the housing community. The course provides the tools and introduces the skills needed by housing professionals to provide the expert service our military personnel need and deserve. This is a certification course, which is free. There is a fee for taking the exam online after the webinar. Both dates are the same class. Select the date most convenient for you.
 - August 26, 2015 - Register [on-line](#).

8. HUD Loss Mitigation Live Classroom Training Schedule: This is classroom training for HUD-approved Housing Counseling agencies, servicing lenders, and nonprofits. The training will provide information on FHA Loss Mitigation tools. It will cover new changes with the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP), pre-foreclosure sale, and deed-in-lieu. No fee. For more information on upcoming dates please [email](#) HUD.

- August 18, 2015 - Nashville, TN. Cancelled.
- September 01, 2015 - Chicago, IL. [Register on-line](#).
- September 02, 2015 - Ft. Lauderdale, FL. [Register on-line](#).
- September 23, 2015 - Birmingham, AL. [Register on-line](#).

9. Making Home Affordable (MHA): These webinars are designed specifically for housing counselors and other trusted advisors. Register [on-line](#):

- August 20, 2015 - Home Affordable Modification Program Webinar: Part 2
- August 26, 2015 - Unemployment Program for Servicers.
- September 01, 2015 - HAMP Standard and Alternative Modification Waterfalls.
- September 10, 2015 - Home Affordable Foreclosure Alternatives Program Webinar.
- September 14, 2015 - Home Affordable Foreclosure Alternatives Program for Trusted Advisors.
- September 17, 2015 - CheckMyNPV.com.
- September 22, 2015 - Mortgage Assistance for Nevada Homeowners.
- September 24, 2015 - MHA Tools and Resources for Trusted Advisors.

10. Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) Training for Housing Counselors:

- Marketing 101: [YouTube](#) video training for non-profit agencies on how to market the services your agency offers. VHDA has posted many more informative training videos for non-profit agencies and consumers; please visit their [YouTube Channel](#) to view all their current training offerings.
- Rental Education Manual: VHDA is pleased to announce that the new Rental Education Manual is complete and available on their [website](#). This resource is free for you to share with potential renters, current tenants and colleagues. VHDA wants your feedback on the manual and ways the curriculum can be implemented. Plan to attend one of 8 discussion locations throughout Virginia. Register by emailing: RentalEducation@VHDA.com. Please include the session title: VHDA Rental Education Manual in the subject line of your email. Include your name, agency name, and which regional location you plan to attend. Limited seating.

- August 18, 2015 - Manassas, VA.
- August 27, 2015 - Hampton, VA.
- August 28, 2015 - Exmore, VA.

11. **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](#).

12. **HOPE NOW Military Housing Podcast:** The HOPE NOW Military Housing Podcast is an entertaining and educational series of conversations focused on military off-base housing. Sponsored by HopeNow and Clearpoint Financial Solutions. No fee. Listen to the Podcasts [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](#)
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