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New HUD Press Release:

HUD CHARGES OWNER OF MARYLAND HOUSING COMPLEX WITH DISCRIMINATING AGAINST VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

Read the entire [press release](#). Stay up to date on the latest HUD news and announcements by visiting [HUD's Public Affairs website](#)

AND

New Training Updates for Housing Counselors:

- 1. HUD Training for Housing Counselors:** Register for these opportunities today. Space is limited. After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the training. There is no fee. Sponsored by HUD's Office of Housing Counseling. Visit the HUD Office of Housing Counseling Training Calendar [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 non-profit and local government agencies. Visit [HUD Exchange](#) to learn more and register for training opportunities.

FHA Mortgage Program Training: Visit [FHA's Webinar Archive](#) to view training on insured mortgage programs like HECM, 203K, non-profit programs, disaster recovery and much more.

HECM Protocol Stakeholder Meetings: HUD's Office of Housing Counseling will be holding two stakeholder meetings on the Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) protocol. The purpose of these stakeholder meetings is to seek HECM counseling agency stakeholder ideas and feedback on how to make the current HECM protocol more efficient and effective. Attendance is very limited for both of these meetings, Register today.

- November 18, 2014 - 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Eastern time. This session is for Intermediaries and State Housing Finance Agencies. [Register on-line.](#)
- December 02, 2014 - 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Eastern time. This session is for local agencies. [Register on-line.](#)

Demystifying HUD's Homeless Programs: Demystifying HUD's Homeless Programs. Please join the HUD Center for Faith-Based & Neighborhood Partnerships at 3:00 PM (Eastern Time) for a conversation with HUD's Community Planning & Development's Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS). You will learn more about the programs HUD administers to assist the homeless population, the types of services offered, how your organization can become engaged locally, and where to get technical assistance.

- November 19, 2014 - Conference call: [Register on-line.](#)

2. RCAC Grant Writing Webinar:

November 18, 2014 - Webinar: Secrets to Grant Writing. This training is highly recommended for program managers and less experienced grant writers. Sponsored by the Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC). The webinar will begin at: 3:00 pm Eastern Time on 11/18/14 and will last 90 minutes. [Log on to the webinar](#), Password: grant. Call-in toll number 1-650-479-3208. Access code: 660 708 223. Registration is not required.

3. IRS Educational Products, Workshops and Seminars 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:

- December 09, 2014 - Austin, TX

4. Save the Date for These Upcoming NeighborWorks® Training Opportunities: More information can be found on their [training calendar](#).

NeighborWorks® Training Institutes: Learn, network and share best practices in LA -- building your skills, maximizing your effectiveness and impact of your Agency.

- December 08-12, 2014 - Washington, DC, [Register on-line](#).
- February 23-27, 2015 - Los Angeles, CA, [Register on-line](#)

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

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

- November 04, 2014 - Webinar: HUD Compliance
- November 06, 2014 - Webinar: Program Sustainability, Marketing Your Non-Profit
- December 02, 2014 - Webinar: Basic Client Management Using CounselorMax
- December 04, 2014 - Webinar: Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) Counseling
- December 09, 2014 - Webinar: Advanced Client Management Using CounselorMax
- December 11, 2014 - Webinar: Homeless Counseling
- January 13, 2015 - Webinar: Predatory Lending
- January 15, 2015 - Webinar: Basic Client Management Using Home Counselor Online
- January 20, 2015 - Webinar: Advanced Client Management Using Home Counselor Online
- January 22, 2015 - Webinar: HUD Compliance
- January 27, 2015 - Webinar: Fair Housing
- May 20, 2015 - Webinar: Rental Counseling
- May 21, 2015 - Webinar: Fair Housing
- May 26, 2015 - Webinar: Basic Client Management Using CounselorMax
- May 27, 2015 - Webinar: Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) Counseling
- May 28, 2015 - Webinar: Advanced Client Management Using CounselorMax

6. National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC) National Training Academy comes to Milwaukee, WI, on November 17-21, 2014: Housing counselors and professional staff affiliated with HUD-Certified Housing Counseling Agencies are invited to attend the comprehensive housing counseling training courses “Housing Counseling Principles for Today’s Economic Reality” and “Financial Health Credit Education” on November 17-21, 2014, at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel in Milwaukee, WI. Please visit [NCRC](#) to find more information regarding the Milwaukee Trainings (Click

“Training” to access the NCRC Training Academy’s portal). These courses are provided with support from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Housing Counseling.

- November 17-21, 2014 - HC101: Housing Counseling Principles for Today’s Economic Reality. This five-day, 30-hour certification course will introduce new counselors to the principles and applications of housing counseling from both the lender’s and the counselor’s points of view; review the skills and tools needed to be an effective housing counselor; provide an overview of the industry from a national perspective; and present information about delinquency, default, and pre- and post-purchase counseling for homeowners. Topics include: General housing counseling techniques, Income analysis and affordability computations, Documentation and recordkeeping in the counseling process. This training counts for 5 Continuing Education Credits (CEUs). [Register on-line.](#)
- November 17-19, 2014 - HC107: Financial Health Credit Education. This three day, 18-hour course will focus on the elements of financial planning that prepare individuals for success. In particular, it will explore the financial fitness of individuals by explaining budgeting and assessing the financial process. It will also help individuals identify what is considered income, track expenses, forecast expenses, and set financial goals. This course will: Discuss the methods used to analyze cash flow and provide an in-depth understanding of how to calculate spendable income, distinguish between wants and needs, and develop an action plan, Provide tools to assist when evaluating the need to make a big purchase, the pros and cons of owning a home, and how to maximize investment strategies, Explore ways of becoming financially solvent after a major financial crisis (for example, rebuilding after a major financial loss), how to transition from homeowner to renter, and whether to consider homeownership in the future. This training counts for 3 Continuing Education Credits (CEUs). [Register on-line.](#)

NCRC Annual Conference 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.](#)

NCRC National Training Academy - Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Training: In this FREE two-day training, community development practitioners, housing professionals, and local government officials will learn about Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) requirements and

regulations that spell out the fair housing obligations of states, cities and towns across America. Dates and locations include:

- December 08-09, 2014 - Honolulu, Oahu, HI. [Register on-line](#).

7. Webinars sponsored by Making Home Affordable (MHA): These training events designed specifically for housing counselors and other trusted advisors. Registration for the below courses and other information are available [on-line](#):

- November 05, 2014 - Case Escalations for Trusted Advisors
- November 10, 2014 - Home Affordable Modification Program Part 1
- November 13, 2014 - Home Affordable Modification Program Part 2
- November 17, 2014 - Home Affordable Foreclosure Alternatives Program
- November 18, 2014 - MHA Tools and Resources for Trusted Advisors
- November 20, 2014 - Second Lien Modification Program (2MP) for Trusted Advisors

8. Partner to Progress Strategic Leadership Forum for Housing

Counselors: Partner to Progress Strategic Leadership Forum. Sponsored by HomeFree. For additional information, please contact Frances Robinson at Telephone: 855- 493-4002 ext.604 or email: francesr@homefreeusa.org.

- December 08, 2014 - Honolulu, Oahu, HI. [Register on-line](#)

9. 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.

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](#)
 - [Training Webinar Archive](#)
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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](#)

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