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**Subject:** Reminder for HUD Approved Housing Counseling Agencies Applying for the FY13 Housing Counseling NOFA, & HUD Housing Counseling Program Requirements Training comes to Nashville, & Other Training Opportunities for Housing Counselors

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**Reminder for HUD Approved Housing Counseling Agencies Applying for the FY13 Housing Counseling NOFA:**

Questions regarding specific program requirements should be directed to: [housing.counseling@hud.gov](mailto:housing.counseling@hud.gov) Questions regarding the 2013 General Section should be directed to the Office of Strategic Planning and Management, Grants Management Office, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 3156, Washington, DC 20410-3000, telephone number 202-708-0667. This is not a toll-free number. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access these numbers via TTY by calling the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339. Learn more about the FY13 Housing Counseling NOFA by visiting: [http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail/nofa13/chc](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail/nofa13/chc)

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**HUD Housing Counseling Program Requirements Training Comes to Nashville:**

February 18 - 22, 2013. Nashville, TN. HUD Housing Counseling Program Requirements Training. This FREE five (5) Day course is presented live by the National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC). This course is designed to provide nonprofit organizations wishing to launch a housing counseling program a clearer understanding of HUD and its housing counseling compliance requirements. Participants will gain a solid ground in the delivery of housing counseling services, record keeping, and reporting. Additionally participants will learn about local, state, and federal resources that may be able to assist their client and the process for referral. Registration required, no fee. More info at: <http://housingcounselingprogramrequirements.eventbrite.com/#>

AND

**Other Training Opportunities for Housing Counselors:**

February 5 & 6, 2013 - Webinar: Revisions to FHA's Loss Mitigation Home Retention Options. This FREE webinar will provide an overview of the revised requirements for

FHA's Loss Mitigation Home Retention Options as outlined in Mortgagee Letter 2012-22. This webinar includes case studies that require the use of a financial calculator. Two Dates Available – Registration required: Tue, Feb 5, 2013 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM EST or Wed, Feb 6, 2013 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM EST Special Instructions: Space is limited - please register early.

February 18-22, 2013 - Atlanta, GA, NeighborWorks® Training Institute. Attend a broad range of professional development courses for housing counselors. Registration required. More info at: <http://nw.org/network/training/upcoming/ATL13.asp>

February 2013 - (multiple dates) Webinar: “FREE” Freddie Mac Standard Deed-in-Lieu of Foreclosure Overview for Housing Counselors”. Learn about the key features and benefits of the new Freddie Mac Standard Deed-in-Lieu. This workout option is for homeowners who can no longer afford to keep their properties and who have been unsuccessful in selling their properties through a Standard Short Sale. The overview will include eligibility criteria, documentation requirements, implementation dates, closing requirements and other important information. This webinar is two hours. Registration required; no fee. More info & register at: <http://www.freddiemac.com/corporate/housingpros/> Register today; don't miss out on this free training for housing counselors. Please note that these Webinar training sessions are for nonprofit housing counseling organizations only, focusing specifically on the borrower eligibility and underwriting requirements of the program, with dialogue & discussion centered on the housing counselor's role and approach when discussing this option with borrowers. If you are any other party interested in learning more about Freddie Mac's Standard Deed-in-Lieu of Foreclosure option, we recommend that you visit this website for more information: [http://www.freddiemac.com/singlefamily/service/standard\\_deed\\_in\\_lieu.html](http://www.freddiemac.com/singlefamily/service/standard_deed_in_lieu.html).

May 6-10, 2013 - Portland, OR. NeighborWorks® Training Institute. Attend a broad range of professional development courses for housing counselors. Registration required. More info at: [http://training.nw5.org/schol\\_event?event=552](http://training.nw5.org/schol_event?event=552)

To find out more about training for housing counselors and scholarship opportunities from NeighborWorks®, please visit: <http://www.nw.org/network/training/training.asp>

Hope LoanPort has created a new Hope LoanPort Learning Center for counselors and servicers. The link is <http://www.training.hopeloanportal.org/> Counselors, be sure to leverage [www.homeownerconnect.org](http://www.homeownerconnect.org) as homeowners who elect to work with a counselor, even mid-process with the servicer will be connected with you. You will receive the case in Hope LoanPort as a referral from the consumer direct portal. Also, be sure to use and advise homeowners to use the local resources tool. Click on 'Find Local Resources' which includes unemployment resources, military resources, food stamps, child assistance, heating, home repair and more. It is FREE and can be found on [www.homeownerconnect.org](http://www.homeownerconnect.org) and [www.hopeloanportal.org](http://www.hopeloanportal.org)

Rural Community Assistance Corp. (RCAC) has posted archival copies of their “HUD Compliance Webinar” series. Topics for Housing Counselors include: 9902 training,

Reporting - Quarterly & Draws, Counseling - Group & Individual, Housing Counseling Work Plan, QCP, Data Security, CMS Systems and HCS, FHA HAMP & FHA Loss Mitigation. Registration is not required, no fee. Links to these FREE archival webinars and supporting materials are now posted at: <http://www.rcac.org/doc.aspx?1012>

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Bulk subscriptions:

Some housing counselors have asked, "How do I sign up my entire agency staff for housing counseling 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. Email your list to: [jerrold.h.mayer@hud.gov](mailto:jerrold.h.mayer@hud.gov)

If you have a housing counseling industry friend who you want to subscribe to this listserv, there are 3 other ways to sign up: 1. send them this link: [http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/housing/sfh/hcc/ohc\\_listserv](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/hcc/ohc_listserv) they can sign up for the listserv there; or 2: forward them this email; or 3: Visit: <http://www.usa.gov> and subscribe at: <http://apps.gsa.gov/FirstGovCommonSubscriptionService.php> To unsubscribe - go to: <http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/subscribe/maillinglist> and click on "Housing Counseling" and follow the unsubscribe instructions on that page.

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Some useful links for housing counselors:

HUD Housing Counseling: [www.hud.gov/housingcounseling](http://www.hud.gov/housingcounseling)

Events & Training Calendar:

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?mode=disppage&id=OHC\\_TRAINING](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?mode=disppage&id=OHC_TRAINING)

Contracting Opportunities:

[http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program\\_offices/cpo](http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program_offices/cpo)

Career Opportunities: <http://www.usajobs.gov>

Grant Opportunities:

[http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program\\_offices/administration/grants/fund\\_savail](http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program_offices/administration/grants/fund_savail)

Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas:

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/housing/sfh/nsc/disaster](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/nsc/disaster)

Foreclosure Assistance:

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/i\\_want\\_to/talk\\_to\\_a\\_housing\\_counselor](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/i_want_to/talk_to_a_housing_counselor)

Making Home Affordable: <http://www.makinghomeaffordable.gov/pages/default.aspx>

This list will often provide training opportunities and event announcements for non-profit and local 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 partners offer. For more information on HUD's web policies please visit:

<http://www.hud.gov/assist/webpolicies.cfm>

Thank you!!!!