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HUD Kicks Off Fair Housing Month With Launch of National Media Campaign:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the National Fair Housing Alliance (NFHA) today launched a national media campaign to educate the public and housing providers about their rights and responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act. The campaign, titled "Fair Housing Is Your Right. Use It," includes English, Spanish, and Chinese radio and print public service advertisements (PSAs) that feature examples of actions which violate the Fair Housing Act and let the public know what to do if they experience housing discrimination. In addition to radio and print public service announcements, the campaign will use the latest digital and social media to amplify the outreach effort. Read the entire press release at:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press_releases_media_advisories/2013/HUDNo.13-048

AND

Housing Counseling Training Comes to Philadelphia:

April 15-19, 2013 - Philadelphia, PA. Homeownership Counseling Certification: Principles, Practices and Techniques Part I. This "live" training is sponsored by the Homeownership Counseling Association of the Delaware Valley and NeighborWorks. Scholarships are available for qualified applicants. This course is for housing counselors with a minimum of one year of counseling experience providing one-on-one pre-purchase counseling to clients. Through hands-on applications, this intermediate level course teaches counselors the skills, procedures and content needed to create new homeowners. They learn how to provide one-on-one counseling sessions to address savings, credit and debt barriers to homeownership, and use the latest industry tools, including client management systems, techniques and resources. They practice mortgage readiness assessment, prequalification, standardized income calculations, credit report review, action plan development, and other key counseling activities. HUD-requirements for file management, code of conduct, and operations guidelines along with implementation of the National Industry Standards for Homeownership Education and Counseling are taught. Registration required. More information and registration at: http://training.nw5.org/reg_show?event=568

AND

April 2013 - (multiple dates) Webinar: “Freddie Mac Unemployment Forbearance Options Overview for Housing Counselors:

Are you a housing counselor with clients who cannot pay their mortgage payments due to job loss? During this “Free” one-hour training overview, you will learn about the key features and benefits of the Freddie Mac Unemployment Forbearance relief Options, which include a short-term unemployment forbearance period and, if needed, the possibility of an extended unemployment forbearance period for qualified homeowners of Freddie Mac-owned mortgages. A Freddie Mac instructor will review eligibility criteria, documentation requirements, and other important information, and also answer your questions during this “live” session. NOTE: These webinars repeat what was covered in the sessions Freddie Mac hosted on this topic in 2012. Whether you’re new to housing counseling and want to get an overview -- or you participated last year and need a refresher. Registration required; no fee. More info & registration at: <http://www.freddie.mac.com/corporate/housingpros/> Please note that these Webinar training sessions are for nonprofit housing counseling organizations and CDCs/EDCs only, 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 Unemployment Forbearance options, we recommend that you visit this website for more information: http://www.freddie.mac.com/singlefamily/service/unemployment_forbearance.html

AND

NHNLA offers both live and on-line training courses for the housing counseling professional:

The National Council of La Raza, NHN Learning Alliance (NHNLA) offers housing counselors extensive training opportunities on a variety of topics. Scholarships are available for qualified applicants. Please see the list of courses below offered by NHNLA:

- April 29 - May 1, 2013 - Richmond, VA. Housing Counseling Program Management. Registration required. More info at: <http://www.nhnla.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Calendar.eventDetail&eventId=177&nodeID=1>
- April 29 - May 1, 2013 - Richmond, VA. Financial Counseling. Registration required. More info at: <http://www.nhnla.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Calendar.eventDetail&eventId=179&nodeID=1>

- April 30, 2013 - Webinar: Predatory Lending. Registration required. More info at: <http://www.nhnla.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Calendar.eventDetail&eventId=156&nodeID=1>
- May 14, 2013 - Webinar: Homebuyer Education Delivery. Registration required. More info at: <http://www.nhnla.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Calendar.eventDetail&eventId=138&nodeID=1>
- May 15, 2013 - Webinar: Disaster Victims Counseling. Registration required. More info at: <http://www.nhnla.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Calendar.eventDetail&eventId=139&nodeID=1>
- May 16, 2013 - Webinar: Rental Counseling. Registration required. More info at: <http://www.nhnla.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Calendar.eventDetail&eventId=133&nodeID=1>
- May 21, 2013 - Webinar: Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) Counseling. Registration required. More info at: <http://www.nhnla.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Calendar.eventDetail&eventId=136&nodeID=1>
- May 22, 2013 - Webinar: Homeless Counseling. Registration required. More info at: <http://www.nhnla.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Calendar.eventDetail&eventId=130&nodeID=1>
- May 23, 2013 - Webinar: Program Sustainability, Marketing your Non-Profit. Registration required. More info at: <http://www.nhnla.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Calendar.eventDetail&eventId=147&nodeID=1>
- June 18, 2013 - Webinar: Predatory Lending. Registration required. More info at: <http://www.nhnla.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Calendar.eventDetail&eventId=187&nodeID=1>
- June 19, 2013 - Webinar: Homebuyer Education Delivery. Registration required. More info at: <http://www.nhnla.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Calendar.eventDetail&eventId=186&nodeID=1>
- June 20, 2013 - Webinar: Disaster Victims Counseling. Registration required. More info at: <http://www.nhnla.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Calendar.eventDetail&eventId=185&nodeID=1>

- June 25, 2013 - Webinar: Rental Counseling. Registration required. More info at: <http://www.nhnla.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Calendar.eventDetail&eventId=184&nodeID=1>
- June 26, 2013 - Webinar: Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) Counseling. Registration required. More info at: <http://www.nhnla.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Calendar.eventDetail&eventId=183&nodeID=1>
- June 27, 2013 - Webinar: Homeless Counseling. Registration required. More info at: <http://www.nhnla.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Calendar.eventDetail&eventId=182&nodeID=1>
- July 2, 2013 - Webinar: Program Sustainability, Marketing your Non-Profit. Registration required. More info at: <http://www.nhnla.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Calendar.eventDetail&eventId=181&nodeID=1>

For more information, registration, scholarship and course details, please visit the NHNLA training Calendar at <http://www.nhnla.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.ViewPage&PageID=538> To learn more about NHNLA, please visit their website at: <http://www.nhnla.org/index.cfm>

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

bbb@xyz.com

ccc@xyz.com

You can send in one email address or your entire agency. Email your list to: 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 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.

Some helpful links:

HUD Housing Counseling: www.hud.gov/housingcounseling

"The Bridge" is the HUD Office of Housing Counseling Newsletter; read archived issues on-line at:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/hcc/ohc_bridge

Housing Counseling Listserv archive:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/hcc/ohc_msg

Events & Training Calendar:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?mode=disppage&id=OHC_TRAINING

Contracting Opportunities:

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

Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas:

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

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!!!!

