



## **The Illinois Statewide Foreclosure Prevention Network**

The Illinois Statewide Foreclosure Prevention Network is a coalition of 15 non-profit housing groups providing default and foreclosure counseling to families at danger of losing their homes across the state of Illinois. The group, organized by NHS of Chicago, first came together in May of 2007 to identify ways to work together and to garner additional resources to support these important services.

The goal of the network is threefold: To increase awareness of the resources available for foreclosure prevention, to provide resources to the counselors on the frontlines of addressing the foreclosure crisis, and to increase the capacity of Illinois not-for-profit organizations to help families facing foreclosure.

The network will operate by building upon the national awareness campaign and free phone counseling provided through NeighborWorks America's Center for Foreclosure Solutions in partnership with the HP Foundation. Locally, public service announcements will be placed in Illinois media markets to raise awareness on the issue of foreclosure and encourage borrowers to call a free hotline to receive immediate counseling over the phone. Illinois residents who need more intensive counseling and live in one of the 15 service areas, will be referred to the network agencies for more in depth counseling. Through the network and a partnership with Housing Action Illinois, the network will also offer training and information sharing to increase the knowledge base of all the participating organizations.

In September 2007, the network secured resources from IHDA and NeighborWorks America to help organize the network and pay for some of the services provided by participating groups who take the referrals. These funds will be available to network organizations based on the number of clients each group counsels and the number of foreclosure interventions they can successfully achieve. The network and accompanying referral system is scheduled to launch February 7, 2008.

While not every community in Illinois will have a network non-profit to provide one-on-one counseling, every effort has been and will continue to be made to serve as many Illinois residents as possible. New groups may be added once the network is up and running based on available resources, community needs, and organizational capacity. Individuals with questions and groups interested in joining the network can contact Christen Wiggins at NHS of Chicago at 773-329-4010.

## ILLINOIS STATEWIDE PREVENTION NETWORK SERVICE AREAS

ORGANIZATION NAME	SERVICE AREA COUNTY
Affordable Housing Corp of Lake County	Lake County
Beyond Housing	Madison and St. Clair counties
Central Illinois Organizing Project	Peoria, Champaign, Tazewell, McLean, Vermillion, Piatt, Macon, Logan, Sangamon
DuPage Homeownership Center	Entire DuPage County
Joseph Corporation of Illinois, Inc.	Counties of Kane, Kendall, DuPage, Will, Dekalb, McHenry and part of Cook County
METEC	Peoria, Woodford, Tazewell, McLean and Knox counties
Mid-Central Community Action, Inc.	McLean and Livingston counties
Neighborhood Housing Services of Freeport	Stephenson County
Neighborhood Partners of Kankakee	Kankakee
NHS of Chicago	Cook County
NHS of the Fox Valley	Kane County
Project Now, Inc.	Rock Island, Mercer and Henry counties
Rockford Area Affordable Housing Coalition	All of Winnebago, Boone and Ogle counties, northern Lee County, western Dekalb County
Urban League of Champaign County	Champaign County
Western Egyptian Economic Opportunity Council	Jackson, Monroe, Perry and Randolph counties

If you are experiencing difficulty paying your mortgage, you can contact any of these agencies by calling **1-888-995-HOPE**