

# Hundreds of Ohio Homeowners to Receive Foreclosure Prevention Help at Free, Walk-in Workshops with Mortgage Lenders and Counselors

**NeighborWorks(R) America, Lenders and Counselors Participate in HOPE NOW Homeownership Preservation Workshop to Triage Struggling Homeowners With On-the-spot Loan Modifications, Counseling and Financial Plans**

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 27 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) – Ohio homeowners at risk of foreclosure will have the opportunity to meet face-to-face with their mortgage lender at the free HOPE NOW Homeownership Preservation Workshop this Sunday, March 30. Ohio is the second state offering the HOPE NOW workshops, co-sponsored by NeighborWorks(R) America, as part of a national tour aimed at giving struggling homeowners face time with their lender to develop a possible loan modification or financial plan to avoid foreclosure.

Sunday, March 30th, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Crowne Plaza Columbus North Hotel, The Pavilion 6500 Doubletree Avenue, Columbus OH 43229 (Free Hotel Parking).

The workshops, which take homeowners an average of 30 minutes to complete, are open to the public, will offer assistance in multiple languages, and include opportunities for homeowners to access information on homeownership preservation. The one-on-one meetings with loan servicers, in many cases, will lead to work outs and free counseling with local housing counselors who are HUD-certified.

“These workshops are designed to triage homeowners in trouble so they can quickly access information, their lenders and counselors all at once and walk out feeling more confident that they have a roadmap back to sustainable homeownership,” said Kate Colarulli, Program Manager for the NeighborWorks Center for Foreclosure Solutions.

**WHAT:** Free, Homeownership Preservation Workshop for Any Ohio Homeowner

**WHO:** NeighborWorks America HUD-certified counselors, HOPE Now Alliance, mortgage lenders including: Carrington, Countrywide, Citi, EMC, GMAC Mortgage and Homecomings Financial, HSBC, IndyMac Bank, Chase, Option One, National City, and Washington Mutual

Invited speakers include: Franklin County Treasurer Ed Leonard, Richard Cordray from the Ohio Treasurer’s Office, Mayor Coleman, and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Field Office Director Tom Leach

**WHEN:** Sunday, March 30th, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**WHERE:** Crowne Plaza Columbus North Hotel The Pavilion, 6500 Doubletree

Avenue, Columbus

WHY: To give homeowners a chance to sit down with their lender or a housing counselor face-to-face to better understand their options

Homeowners who cannot attend the workshop but would like help should call 1-888-995-HOPE or contact their local HUD-certified housing agency at [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov).

NeighborWorks America creates opportunities for people to improve their lives and strengthen their communities by providing access to homeownership and to safe and affordable rental housing. To date, we have assisted nearly 850,000 low- to moderate-income families with their housing needs. Much of our success is achieved through our support of the NeighborWorks network more than 230 community development organizations working in 4,400 urban, suburban and rural communities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. In the last five years, NeighborWorks organizations have generated more than \$12.4 billion in reinvestment in these communities. NeighborWorks America is the nation's leading trainer of community development and affordable housing professionals. [www.nw.org](http://www.nw.org).

HOPE NOW is an alliance between counselors, servicers, investors, and other mortgage market participants. This alliance will maximize outreach efforts to homeowners in distress to help them stay in their homes and will create a unified, coordinated plan to reach and help as many homeowners as possible. The members of this alliance recognize that by working together, they will be more effective than by working independently.

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