Housing Counseling Resources

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Get Help from a HUD-Certified Housing Counseling Agency

Below is a list of New Jersey HUD-certified housing counseling agencies.*

Whether you've fallen behind or are struggling to make your payments each month, you can <u>absolutely benefit</u> from meeting with a HUD-certified housing counselor. Meet one-on-one and explore foreclosure prevention programs to help you find the solution that is BEST for you. Depending on your situation, your counselor may be able to help you negotiate a more affordable mortgage payment. Don't wait. If you need help with your mortgage, call a HUD-certified housing counselor that operates in your home county and get help today.

Atlantic County

Consumer Credit and Budget Counseling 609-390-9652 | 888-738-8233

NJ Citizen Action 800-656-9637 | 973-643-8800

Bergen County Consumer Credit

and Budget Counseling 609-390-9652 | 888-738-8233

Housing Partnership 973-659-1414

NJ Citizen Action 800-656-9637 | 973-643-8800

Tri-City Peoples Corporation 973-676-5506

Burlington County

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Consumer Credit and Budget Counseling 609-390-9652 | 888-738-8233

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Camden County

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Cape May County

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Cumberland County

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Essex County

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Hudson County

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Hunterdon County

Central Jersey Housing Resource Center 908-446-0039

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Navicore Housing Counseling: 1-866-472-4557 FMAP: 1-866-552-4557 NJMediation@navicoresolutions.org

NJ Citizen Action 800-656-9637 | 973-643-8800

Puerto Rican Action Board 732-249-9700

Mercer County

Affordable Housing Alliance of NJ 732-389-2958

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Consumer Credit and Budget Counseling 609-390-9652 | 888-738-8233

Isles, Inc. 609-341-4783 | 609-341-4731

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Puerto Rican Action Board 732-249-9700

1-800-NJ-HOUSE | www.njhousing.gov/foreclosure

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Continued below is a list of New Jersey HUD-certified housing counseling agencies that specialize in foreclosure prevention. Don't wait: If you need help with your mortgage, call a HUD-certified housing counselor that operates in your home county and get help today. A comprehensive list of all HUD housing counseling agencies serving New Jersey can be found at <u>bit.ly/hudcounselorsnj</u>.

Monmouth County

Affordable Housing Alliance of NJ 732-389-2958

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Tri-City Peoples Corporation 973-676-5506

Ocean County

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Passaic County

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Housing Partnership 973-659-1414

NJ Citizen Action 800-656-9637 | 973-643-8800

Tri-City Peoples Corporation 973-676-5506

Salem County

Consumer Credit and Budget Counseling 609-390-9652 | 888-738-8233

NJ Citizen Action 800-656-9637 | 973-643-8800

Somerset County

Central Jersey Housing Resource Center 908-446-0039 Consumer Credit and Budget Counseling 609-390-9652 | 888-738-8233

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Puerto Rican Action Board 732-249-9700

Sussex County

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Housing Partnership 973-659-1414

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Union County

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Housing Partnership 973-659-1414

Beware of Foreclosure Rescue Scams!

• There is never a fee to get assistance or information about Preventing Forclosure from your lender, a HUD-approved housing counselor or a NJ Housing Counseling Agency listed in this document.

- Beware of any person or organization that asks you to pay a fee in exchange for housing counseling services or modification of a delinquent loan. Do not pay – walk away!
- Beware of anyone who says they can "save" your home if you sign or transfer over the deed to your house. Do not sign over the deed to your property to any organization or individual unless you are working directly with your mortgage company to forgive your debt.
- Never make your mortgage payments to anyone other than your mortgage company without their approval.
- If you feel you have been taken advantage of or misled by a lender, contact Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ) at 1-888-576-5529 or online at www.LSNJ.org. LSNJ provides legal representation to low-income NJ homeowners. Homeowners of any income level may file a complaint with the NJ Dept of Banking and Insurance (DOBI) at 1-800-446-7467, or online at www.state.nj.us/dobi/consumer.htm. Additionally, the Attorney General urges anyone who has been a victim of mortgage-related fraud to report it by calling the Division of Consumer Affairs' toll-free hotline at 1-800-242-5846. You can also visit www.njconsumeraffairs.gov to file a complaint online.

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Warren County

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Tri-City Peoples Corporation 973-676-5506

Helpful Foreclosure Prevention and Assistance Resources

State Foreclosure Prevention Programs

The New Jersev Judiciary Foreclosure Mediation Program (NJJFM) provides homeowners with access to court trained mediators to resolve foreclosure actions by proposing work-out and payment arrangements between distressed borrowers and lenders. Visit njcourts.gov/courts/superior/ foreclosure.html for instructions on how to file for foreclosure mediation and access the required documentation. Access related Foreclosure Mediation Program forms and documents at njcourts.gov/selfhelp/catalog.html?cat egory=Foreclosure&keywords=Foreclosure%20Mediation.

Foreclosure Mediation Assistance Program If you are going through foreclosure, free housing counseling is available through NJHMFA's Foreclosure Mediation Assistance Program.

Mediation can save a home from foreclosure, yet too many homeowners enter the foreclosure process with their mortgage lender without professional guidance or an understanding of the type of relief that may be available to them. Visit **nihousing.gov/foreclosure** for more information.

Attention Renters

You cannot be evicted without notice and without good cause. This is true even when a bank or mortgage lender files an action to foreclose on your rented property because your landlord has not paid the mortgage. If you find yourself facing eviction, call a lawyer. If you cannot afford a lawyer, you may be eligible for legal services. Find out by calling Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ) at 1-888-576-5529 or visit www.LSNJ.org.

Homelessness Prevention

NJ Homelessness Prevention Program provides limited financial assistance to low- and moderate-income tenants and homeowners in imminent danger of eviction or foreclosure due to temporary financial problems beyond their control. Funds are used to disburse payments in the forms of loans and grants to landlords and mortgage companies. Please call toll-free 1-866-889-6270.

Home Utility and Heating Assistance

New Jersey Statewide Heating Assistance and Referral for Energy Services (NJ SHARES) is a non-profit organization charged with a mission to provide assistance to individuals and families living in New Jersey who are in need of temporary help in paying their energy bills. Call **1-866-657-4273** or visit www. nishares.org/wheretoapply to apply.

The Universal Service Fund (USF) is a program created by the State of New Jersey to help make natural gas and electric bills more affordable for lowincome households. For further information and to apply, call 1-866-240-1347 or visit www.energyassistance.nj.gov.

General Assistance: Call 211 or visit <u>nj211.org</u>

Specialists will provide information and referral for services including:

- Basic Human Needs Resources: food banks, rent and utility assistance;
- Seniors and Persons with Disabilities: congregate meals, Meals on Wheels, adult daycare and transportation;
- Children, Youth and Families: childcare, after school programs, mentoring, protective services, tutoring: and
- Employment Supports:- financial assistance and job training.

County Social Services Agencies

(Local Resources for Medicaid, food stamps, child support, emergency assistance and employment support)

732-745-3500

Monmouth County

3000 Kozloski Road

Freehold, NJ 07728

Morris County

340 W. Hanover Ave.

Ocean County

Toms River, NJ 08754

1027 Hooper Ave.

732-349-1500

Morristown, NJ 07963

732-431-6000

973-326-7800

Atlantic County

1333 Atlantic Ave Atlantic City, NJ 08401 609-348-3001

Bergen County

218 Route 17 North Rochelle Park, NJ 07662 201-368-4200

Burlington County

795 Woodlane Road Mount Holly, NJ 08060 609-261-1000

Camden County

600 Market Street Camden, NJ 08102 856-225-8800

Cape May County 4005 Route 9 South Rio Grande, NJ 08242

609-886-6200

Cumberland County

275 N. Delsea Drive Vineland, NJ 08360 856-691-4600

Essex County

18 Rector St, 9th Floor Newark, NJ 07102 973-733-3000

Gloucester County 400 Hollydell Dr. Sewell, NJ 08080 856-582-9200

Hudson County

257 Cornelison Ave. Jersey City, NJ 07302 201-420-3000

Hunterdon County

6 Gauntt Place Flemington, NJ 08822 908-788-1300

Mercer County

200 Wolverton St., Trenton, NJ 08650 609-989-4320

Middlesex County 181 How Lane

Passaic County

80 Hamilton Street New Brunswick, NJ 08903 Paterson, NJ 07505 973-881-0100

Salem County 147 S. Virginia Avenue Penns Grove, NJ 08069 856-299-7200

Somerset County

73 E. High Street Somerville, NJ 08876 908-526-8800

Sussex County

83 Spring Street, Suite 203

Union County

342 Westminster Avenue Elizabeth, NJ 07208 908-965-2700

Warren County

1 Shotwell Dr. Belvidere, NJ 07823 908-475-6301

Newton, NJ 07860 973-383-3600