



PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES

Workshops

Concerned about your mortgage? Already behind with payments? We can help! Meet with a HUD-certified financial counselor and other experts in a classroom setting at one of our monthly workshops to learn what options are available to you. ■ **When:** 2nd Thursday every month ■ **Where:** Madison College Truax Campus, 3550 Anderson Street, Room 142A ■ **Contact:** Bethany Nelson, Foreclosure Prevention Specialist, 608-261-5677 ■ **Cost:** FREE.

Legal Clinics

Homeowners facing foreclosure can attend a free legal clinic staffed by volunteer lawyers and law students. The purpose of the clinic is to help homeowners who have received a foreclosure lawsuit respond by filing an “answer,” a formal response to the lawsuit. Homeowners have only 20 days after receiving the lawsuit to file their answer with the court! Please bring along your foreclosure summons/complaint. ■ **When:** 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, 11 am - 1 pm (please arrive *no later than 12:30 p.m.* to allow adequate time to speak with a volunteer; homeowners are encouraged to arrive promptly at 11:00) ■ **Where:** City-County Building, 210 MLK, Jr. Blvd., Room 354 ■ **Cost:** FREE.

Mediation Program

Homeowners who have been served with a foreclosure lawsuit can apply for mediation. Mediation is a confidential dispute-resolution process where the homeowner and lender meet with a neutral mediator who helps the parties discuss the issues and explore options for settlement. Requires active participation by homeowner. ■ **Contact:** Jo Prust, Program Coordinator at 608-261-5661 or via email at dchamediation@gmail.com ■ **Cost:** Application is free; \$100 fee if mediation moves forward.

Support Groups

Feeling overwhelmed, frustrated, sad, depressed or angry about your mortgage situation? You are not alone. A moderated support group meets weekly to help homeowners deal with stress and anxiety related to financial uncertainty. The next four-week session starts September 6, 2011. Please call if you are interested in attending. ■ **When:** Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30 pm. ■ **Where:** Family Center, 8025 Excelsior Drive Ste 110 (near Old Sauk Rd) ■ **Contact:** 608-663-6154 ■ **Cost:** FREE.

Information and Referrals

Struggling homeowners who don't know where to turn can speak with a Foreclosure Prevention Specialist at the Dane County Housing Authority. The Foreclosure Prevention Specialist can answer basic questions about the foreclosure process and connect Dane County residents to the various foreclosure prevention resources available in the community. ■ **Contact:** 608-261-5677.

Online Resources

The Taskforce maintains a website devoted to providing homeowners with accurate, up-to-date information about foreclosure prevention. ■ **Where:** www.daneforeclosurehelp.org.

The Dane County Foreclosure Prevention Taskforce is a coalition of public agencies, non-profit service providers and other community partners working together to develop sustainable alternatives to foreclosure in Dane County.