Ohio Foreclosure Prevention

Purpose
Ohio Housing Finance Agency partnered with Extension Family and Consumer Science educators to bring foreclosure prevention information to groups, particularly in rural counties. Fifty training sessions will inform groups who will spread by word of mouth, key contacts to make to receive assistance from HUD approved housing counselors at any stage of the foreclosure process. Extension is writing 20 foreclosure prevention blogs to appear throughout 2015 on their Live Smart Ohio website: livesmartohio.osu.edu

Impact
To prevent home foreclosure for Ohio families. Ohio ranks fifth in the nation for the most foreclosures. The top five states account for more than half of the national foreclosures.

To provide education that assists families facing foreclosure - Stigma attached to foreclosure merits informing key community leaders so word of mouth delivery of information is delivered to needing families.

Provide education to arm homeowners with information to make informed decisions regarding possible foreclosure and/or sheriff's sale - Connecting families with local HUD housing counselors is vital to prevent foreclosure.

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