

OSU EXTENSION HOUSING CORPS: A PARTNERSHIP TO SUPPORT OHIO HOMEOWNERS IN FINANCIAL DISTRESS



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Purpose

OSU Extension Housing Corps is a new Ohio-wide collaboration of faculty at the College of Education and Human Ecology and the John Glenn School of Public Affairs, OSU Extension, Ohio Housing Finance Agency, and the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism.

The goal of this unique partnership is to provide economically vulnerable homeowners in rural Ohio with information and assistance to prevent mortgage default and foreclosure. The partnership launched in autumn 2011 with a "planning year" grant and in summer 2012 with an AmeriCorps of 15 volunteers housed in and serving the rural areas in Ohio.

Impact

Since dispatching the AmeriCorps, over 1,500 rural homeowners have been provided with educational materials, community referrals, and hands-on instructions for applying to mortgage assistance programs.

The community need remains as urgent as ever: The fastest growth in foreclosure rates has been occurring in Ohio's rural areas.

OHIO STATE COLLEGES/UNITS INVOLVED

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND
HUMAN ECOLOGY
COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL
AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SCIENCES
JOHN GLENN SCHOOL OF
PUBLIC AFFAIRS
OSU EXTENSION

COMMUNITY PARTNERS INVOLVED

OHIO HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY
OHIO COMMISSION ON SERVICE AND
VOLUNTEERISM