

Solutions for Working Families

2009 Learning Conference on State and Local Housing Policy

Foreclosure Prevention and Neighborhood Stabilization

Sunday, June 28 • 10:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Adams Ballroom and Monroe Ballroom

The foreclosure crisis is affecting millions of individuals and families—including both homeowners and renters living in foreclosed homes—and undermining the stability of impacted neighborhoods. In this daylong institute, learn how you can protect your community by helping struggling homeowners, preventing nearby homeowners from losing equity, safeguarding property tax rolls, and taking steps to avoid future foreclosure crises.

Institute Agenda

10:30 to 11:50 a.m.

Breaking the Foreclosure Cycle: Lessons on Preventing Foreclosures and Stabilizing Communities

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Communities across the nation are struggling with a sharp increase in foreclosures and the resulting instability for both families and neighborhoods. Join a panel of experts for an exploration of the impact of foreclosures on communities and a discussion of ways to break the cycle between foreclosures and neighborhood decline. Speakers will discuss foreclosure prevention solutions and lessons learned, explore the initial challenges and successes in implementing neighborhood stabilization strategies (particularly through the federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program), and take a closer look at one county's experience trying to restore and reuse foreclosed properties for sustainable homeownership.

- **Sharon Price**, National Housing Conference (Moderator)
- **Nick Autorina**, Cobb County, Georgia
- **Alan Mallach**, Brookings Institution
- **Marietta Rodriguez**, NeighborWorks America

12:00 to 1:25 p.m.

Lunch and Roundtable Discussions

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Interact with the institute faculty and your peers during this working lunch. During lunch, institute faculty will facilitate roundtable discussions on key foreclosure and neighborhood stabilization issues. Bring your questions and ideas!

1:35 to 3:05 p.m.

Breakout Sessions I

Participants choose from one the following options:

Foreclosure Prevention 101 (*Adams Ballroom*) is jargon-free session for individuals new to this issue that will explore high-impact approaches to foreclosure prevention. Learn about a comprehensive approach that includes strategies to prevent foreclosures, reduce foreclosure risk in the future, and mitigate the damage foreclosures can cause. Also explore foreclosure prevention from a bank's perspective and understand how to effectively work with local banks and financial institutions to reduce foreclosures in your area.

- **Maya Brennan**, Center for Housing Policy (Moderator)
- **Allen H. Jones**, Bank of America
- **Michael W. van Zalingen**, Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago, Inc.

Foreclosure Prevention 201 (*Monroe Ballroom*) will take a deeper look at foreclosure prevention solutions and provide ample opportunity for sharing ideas and exploring the challenges facing your community. Panelists will discuss innovative foreclosure prevention approaches, including Philadelphia's foreclosure mediation program, and lessons learned from across the nation before facilitating a discussion among workshop attendees.

- **Andrew Jakabovics**, Center for American Progress (Moderator)
- **Rachel Gallegos**, First Judicial District, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- **Zixta Martinez**, Freddie Mac

3:15 to 4:45 p.m.

Breakout Sessions II

Participants choose from one the following options:

Neighborhood Stabilization 101 (*Adams Ballroom*), geared for individuals new to this issue, will look at common neighborhood stabilization challenges, solutions at both the state and local levels, the on-the-ground work of restoring foreclosed properties using NSP funds, and the role of banks in helping to stabilize communities affected by foreclosures. In addition, the speakers will engage attendees in a discussion about neighborhood stabilization issues of pressing importance to their communities.

- **Rob Grossinger**, Bank of America (Moderator)
- **Salvatore D'Avola**, Neighborhood Restore HDFC/Restored Homes HDFC
- **Aaron Gornstein**, Citizens' Housing and Planning Association

Neighborhood Stabilization 201 (*Monroe Ballroom*) will take a deeper look at neighborhood stabilization, including one city's intensive approach to stabilizing communities and getting homes reoccupied, the impact of foreclosures on renters and what can be done to help, and the role of data in crafting an effective neighborhood stabilization approach. In addition, engage in a discussion with the panel and your peers about how neighborhood stabilization programs are working in your community.

- **Chris Walker**, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (Moderator)
- **Kathleen Clark**, Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing
- **Thomas Streitz**, City of Minneapolis, Minnesota

Speaker biographies, presentations, and other resources are available online at HousingPolicy.org/learningconference.html.