

United Way of Central Alabama: Housing Counselors Certified!



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Row 3: Candace Davis, Jheral Yarbrough, DeForrest Brown

United Way of Central Alabama now has seven certified housing counselors. This certification furthers United Way of Central Alabama's commitment to the United Way Financial Stability Partnership® of Alabama, helping individuals gain the knowledge they need to become successful homeowners and to avoid foreclosure.

Certification ensures a focus on providing knowledge of the home buying process, mortgage options, financial management and how to prevent foreclosure and loan default. This program is especially pertinent as United Way helps struggling individuals avoid foreclosure and those participating in the Individual Development Account Program.

To become certified, United Way staff and the four AmeriCorps*VISTA volunteers who are working exclusively in foreclosure prevention, participated in a three-day training covering the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation's "Realize the American Dream" curriculum and successfully completed a test.

Congratulations to these individuals for their achievements:

- Judy Allen – FSP Staff
- DeForrest Brown – FSP Staff
- Candace Davis – FSP VISTA Member
- Maria Gardner – FSP VISTA Member
- Jasmin Waites – FSP VISTA Member
- Judy Woods – FSP Staff
- Jheral Yarbrough – FSP VISTA Member

For additional information on Certified Homeownership Counselors visit <http://www.homeownershipconsortiumofalabama.org>