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### **Bend Event to Help Homeowners Prevent Foreclosures**

**Who:** State agencies, in partnership with NeighborImpact, are organizing the event to help homeowners avoid foreclosure.

**What:** As part of an ongoing effort to help homeowners avoid foreclosures, numerous agencies and organizations have combined forces to offer a day of education to help households avoid foreclosure. Counselors and other professionals will be on hand to answer questions at all programs. Workshops will be offered in both English and Spanish (HOPE Agenda attached)

**When:** Saturday, March 27, from 9 am to 5 pm.

**Where:** Central Oregon Community College, Bend Campus, Pioneer Hitchcock Auditorium, 2600 NW College Way, Bend.

**Why:** This event is free to the public. This is the third Home Ownership Preservation Event (HOPE) the state has helped organize. The other events were in Portland and Medford.

At this free event, homeowners will be able to attend workshops – offered in both English and Spanish – that will teach them how to participate in foreclosure prevention programs such as the federal Making Home Affordable Plan. Other workshop topics include homeowner’s rights under new Oregon laws, short sales, avoiding rescue scams, and how lawyers can help prevent a foreclosure. Nonprofit housing counselors from NeighborImpact and other agencies, as well as lawyers and state agency employees will be on hand to provide information and answer questions. Representatives from the Oregon Employment Department will also be present, providing employment information.

For more information on the event call 1-866-814-9710 or go to [www.foreclosurehelp.oregon.gov](http://www.foreclosurehelp.oregon.gov).

Sponsors for the Bend event include: the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services, Oregon Department of Justice, Oregon Housing and Community Services, NeighborImpact, Mortgage Lending Education Board, Hagar Institute, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, OAMP Central Oregon, and Oregon State Public Interest Research Group.

**History/Mission:** NeighborImpact seeks to change the course of each family’s future by giving them the tools they need to succeed. NeighborImpact’s tool box includes Head Start, weatherization, home repair, energy and rent assistance, financial skills building, savings programs, assisting parents to find child care, tutoring homeless children, providing emergency and transitional housing to homeless families, home buyer education and feeding the hungry.

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