

Step 1

Did you know that **Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties, Inc.** is a non-profit HUD approved **housing counseling agency**? Meaning we provide educational workshops and a full spectrum of housing counseling services.

What is Housing Counseling? Our Housing Counseling program provides counseling to consumers on seeking, financing, maintaining, renting, or owning a home. Our HUD-certified Housing Advisors are experienced, trained professionals, who can provide you with one-on-one housing counseling and guidance to help you make the right choices. The guidance you receive is based on your need, plus, your current and future financial capability.



Are you ready for Homeownership? Through the counseling sessions, the Housing Advisor would be able to identify your needs, calculate your income, review your credit report and financial situation, determine how much you can afford, if you are ready to apply for a mortgage loan and evaluate your options.



What if you are not ready for homeownership now? We are here to help! The Housing Advisor would be able to provide the guidance you need to overcome obstacles, help you establish realistic achievable goals, create an action plan and evaluate your options.



How do you get started? If you need housing counseling on seeking, financing, maintaining, renting, or owning a home, complete the **Intake Packet** with forms and required documentation listed on <u>the next page</u>. Once we receive your Intake Packet, we will be able to schedule an appointment with one of our Housing Advisors for your one-on-one counseling session.



Where to submit your Intake Packet? You can drop-off your Intake Packet at our administrative office located at <u>12751 New Brittany Blvd, Suite 100, Fort Myers,</u> <u>FL 33907</u> during regular business hours (Monday – Friday from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm). Our Intake Coordinator will review it with you to make sure that your packet is complete. You can also mail it to our administrative office.

If you have questions related to the Intake Packet and how to get started with housing counseling, please contact our Housing Counseling Team by calling at 239-652-1675 or by e-mail: HousingCounseling@habitat4humanity.org





Housing Counseling Intake Packet

This is <u>NOT</u> an application for the Habitat Homeownership Program

Please make sure to submit the following forms included in your Intake Packet:



Housing Counseling Intake Form

Fill it out as accurately as possible. This is required for opening your housing counseling file.



Monthly Household Spending Plan

Fill it out as accurately as possible. It will be reviewed during the one-on-one counseling session.



Housing Counseling Disclosure Form

Please be sure to read it carefully. Then, sign to acknowledge you have read and understand the form.



Privacy Statement and Notice

Please be sure to read it carefully. Then, sign to acknowledge you have read and understand the form.

Use the following <u>checklist</u> to help you collect everything you need before submitting your Intake Packet (please make copies of all <u>required documents</u>, if applicable).

□ \$30 - Credit report fee (per individual)

- Personal check or Money Order, we do not accept cash
- Soft inquiry, it will not impact your credit score

Copies of Photo IDs (Driver's License)

Please provide a legible copy of your photo ID in color

Proof of Income

<u>If employed:</u>

- Copies of last 3 months of paystubs
- Copies of two most recent tax returns (including W2 forms)

If self-employed:

- Copies of two most recent tax returns (including 1099 forms and Schedule C)
- Current year-to-date Profit & Loss Statement

Benefits (Social Security, Disability, Retirement), if applicable:

Copy of updated award letter stating the monthly benefit

Alimony/Child Support (if applicable):

- Copy of court order showing amount awarded
- Copy of case history showing amounts disbursed
- If not court ordered, 6 months of payment history
- Bank Statements
 - Copies of last 3 months of bank statements for all bank accounts

+ Other documentation may be requested during the housing counseling process

Note: If we do <u>NOT</u> receive a complete Intake Form along with all the required documentation and credit report fee, we will <u>NOT</u> be able to schedule your appointment with a Housing Advisor.



FOR INTERNAL USE			
Date Received:	СМ#:	Housing	Advisor:
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CLIENT 1		CLIENT 2	
Name:		Name:	
Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Social Security Number	Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Social Security Number
Phone:		Phone:	
Email:		Email:	
Address		Address	
huitos		Address	
City State	Zip Code	City	State Zip Code
Time at current address:	P	Time at current address:	
Race (please select):			
White Black or African American	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Race (please select):	an 🗌 American Indian/Alaskan Native
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	Asian Asian and White	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islar	nder 🗌 Asian 🗌 Asian and White
American Indian or Alaska Native and Wh	ite Other Multiple Race	American Indian or Alaska Native a	
Black or African American and White	ck or African American	Black or African American and Whi	
Ethnicity (please select "yes" or "no"		Ethnicity (please select "yes"	
Hispanic: Yes No	·	Hispanic: Yes	
You should select both a "Race" categor	y and a "yes" or "no" for Hispanic origin)	You should select both a "Race" Hispanic origin)	category and a "yes" or "no" for
Are you a U.S. citizen or a Permaner	nt Resident?	Are you a U.S. citizen or a Pe	rmanent Resident?
Marital Status (please select):		Marital Status (please select	t):
Single Married Divorced	Separated Widowed	Single Married Divord	ced Separated Widowed
Gender (please select):	e 🗌 Female	Gender (please select):	Male Female
Disabled (please select) ?	Yes No	Handicapped (please select,) ? 🗌 Yes 🗌 No
Education (please select):		Education (please select):	
	gh School Diploma or Equivalent	Below High School Diploma Two-Year College	High School Diploma or Equivalent Bachelors Degree
	chelors Degree pove Masters Degree	Masters Degree	Above Masters Degree

List last 2 years of employment history			
EMPLOYMENT - CLIENT 1	EMPLOYMENT - CLIENT 2		
Current Employer:	Current Employer:		
Title Hire Date (mm/dd/yy)	Title Hire Date (mm/dd/yy)		
Phone:	Phone:		
Address	Address		
City State Zip Code	City State Zip Code		
Please select:	Please select:		
Part-time # Hours per week:	Part-time # Hours per week:		
Full-time # Hours per week:	Full-time # Hours per week:		
Pay Rate: \$	Pay Rate: \$		
Is this amount paid Hourly Weekly Every 2 weeks	Is this amount paid Hourly Weekly Every 2 weeks		
Bi-monthly Monthly	Bi-monthly Monthly		
If you have a second jo	ll b, please specify:		
Other Employer:	Other Employer:		
Title Hire Date (mm/dd/yy)	Title Hire Date (mm/dd/yy)		
Phone:	Phone:		
Address	Address		
City State Zip Code	City State Zip Code		
Please select:	Please select:		
Part-time # Hours per week:	Part-time # Hours per week:		
Full-time # Hours per week:	Full-time # Hours per week:		
Pay Rate: \$	Pay Rate: \$		
Is this amount paid Hourly Weekly Every 2 weeks	Is this amount paid		
Bi-monthly Monthly	Bi-monthly Monthly		
If less than 2 years at cu	rrent employment:		
Previous Employer:	Previous Employer:		
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Title Hire Date (mm/dd/yy) Last working	(mm/dd/yy) Date		
(mm/dd/yy)	(mm/dd/yy)		
Phone:	Phone:		
Address	Address		
City State Zip Code	City State Zip Code		
Please select:			
Part-time # Hours per week: Full-time # Hours per week:	Part-time # Hours per week: Full-time # Hours per week:		
Pay Rate: \$ Was this amount paid Hourly, Weekly, Fyery 2 weeks	Pay Rate: \$ Was this amount paid Hourly Weekly Fyery 2 weeks		
Was this amount paid Hourly Weekly Every 2 weeks	Was this amount paid Hourly Weekly Every 2 weeks		

Continue listing previous employers on a separate sheet of paper (if needed)

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Current Housing Arrangement (please select): Rent Homeless Homeowner with mortgage Livit	ng with a family member and not paying rent	Homeowner with a mortgage paid off
Rural Area Status (please select): Household lives in a rural area Household does not live in a rural area	Limited English Proficiency Status Household is Limited English Proficient Household is not Limited English Proficient	
Are you a first Time Buyer (you do not currently own	a home and have not owned a home	e in the past 3 years?
Annual Family or Household Income : \$		
Household Type (please select the most accurate)? Female headed single parent household Male headed single Married with children Married without children		Two or more unrelated adults
Family/Household Size : How many What ages are they?	dependents?	
Are there non-dependents who will be living in the home		lf yes, list below:
Relationship Age	Relationship	Age
Referred to by (please select all that apply): Print Advertisement Bank Government Realtor	Radio/TV Newspaper Article S	taff/Board Member 🗌 Walk-in 🗌 Friend
If you were referred by a bank, which one?		
If referred by another source not listed above, which one?		
INCOME		Please Print Clearly
INCOME Type of Income	CLIENT 1 Monthly Amount \$	CLIENT 2
	CLIENT 1 Monthly Amount \$	
Type of Income		CLIENT 2
<i>Type of Income</i> Primary Employment		CLIENT 2
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Type of Income Primary Employment Other Employment (if applicable) Self-employment Income Social Security Retirement Pension Alimony/Child Support Public Assistance Other Income Please answer the following questions: Can you document your child support/alimony income?	Monthly Amount \$	CLIENT 2 Monthly Amount \$

LIABILITIES/DEBT

Please Print Clearly

Please list any debts you have, including credit cards, auto loans, student loans, personal loans and child support.

Do NOT include rent or utilities.

	0	CLIENT 1		CLIENT 2
Paid To	Monthly Payment \$	Current Balance	Monthly Payment \$	Current Balance
1. Auto Loan				
2. Credit Card 1				
3. Credit Card 2				
4. Credit Card 3				
5. Credit Card 4				
6. Student Loan				
7. Personal Loan				
8. Furniture Store				
9. Child Support				
10. Other				

Please use additional sheets if necessary.

Please answer the following questions:

Do you make payments on time?	CLIENT 1 □ Yes □ No	CLIENT 2 Yes No
Are you currently in Chapter 13 bankruptcy?	Yes No	Yes No
Have you had a Chapter 7 bankruptcy? If yes, when was it discharged?	Yes No	Yes No
Within the past 3 years, have you had a property foreclosed? If yes, specify the date.	Yes No	Yes No

ASSETS / SAVINGS / INVESTMENTS

Please Print Clearly

Please list the approximate value of the following:

	Current balance in \$	
	CLIENT 1	CLIENT 2
Checking account		
Savings account		
Cash		
CDs		
Securities (stocks, bonds, etc.)		
Retirement accountS (e.g. 401k or IRA)		
Other Liquid Funds		

Are you about to receive additional funds (e.g., tax refunds, property sales, etc.)? (select)

Yes No

Please complete Spending Plan (Attachment #1)

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION (Please include)

You are required to submit the documentation listed in the "Checklist for your One-on-One Counseling Session"

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION		
Have you owned a home in the last three (3) years? Are you a Veteran?	CLIENT 1 Yes No Yes No	CLIENT 2 Yes No Yes No
Do vou have a contract on a house at this time? Are you currently working with a real-estate agent?	Yes No	Yes No
Most convenient time for an individual appointment?	AM PM	AM PM

AUTHORIZATION

I authorize the Housing Advisors to:

- (a) pull my/our credit report to review my/our credit file for housing counseling in connection with my pursuit on a loan to purchase real property;
- (b) pull my/our credit report and review my/our credit file for informational inquiry purposes; and
- (c) to share my/our personal and financial information with my lender in connection with my pursuit of a loan to purchase a home.

I/We understand that the Housing Advisor provide confidential pre-purchase & post-purchase housing counseling after which I will receive a written **action plan** consisting of recommendations for handling my credit and finances, possibly including referrals to other agencies as appropriate;

I/We understand that a housing advisor may answer questions and provide information but not give legal advice. If I want legal advice, I will be referred for appropriate assistance

I/We understand that any intentional or negligent representation(s) of the information contained on this form may result in civil liability and/or criminal liability under the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001.

Client 1 - Signature

Date

Client 2 - Signature

Date

Monthly Household Spending Plan

A good budget is a Spending Plan that includes everything you will spend and stays within your income. If we don't budget, we lose control of our expenses, and can't even figure out where the money went.

Name:	
Address:	
E-mail:	

	Employment			
	Overtime			
	Interest & Dividend			
	Net Rental Income			
	Bonuses			
e	Commissions			
Income	Social Security			
<u>_</u>	Child Support			
	Alimony			
	Retirement Pension			
	Unemployment			
	Other			
	Withholding	()		
Net Income:				
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Net Income:	
Total Expenses:	
Net Surplus (Deficit):	

Savings Balance:

Stick to your budget and track your expenses each month

Client 1- Signature

Client 1- Signature

Housing Advisor

Date:	
Phone #:	

	Auto Insurance	
	Auto Loan	
	Auto Repairs / Maint	
	Gasoline	
	Child Support / Alimony	
	Credit Card Min Payments	
	Credit Collections	
	Housing Payment	
	Payday Loan	
Fixed Expenses	Personal Loan	
íper	Student Loan	
φ	Medical Bills	
-ixe	Medications	
_	Savings/Emergency Fund	
	Тах	
	Internet	
	Cable TV	
	Cell Phone	
	Electricity	
	Water/Sewer	
	Land Line	
	Miscellaneous	
	Charity	
	Dining	
	Food and Groceries	
nary Expenses	Gifts	
(pei	Public Transportation	
E Z	Pet Expenses	
nar	Child Care	
Discretio	Clothing	
iscr	Fitness Membership	
	Laundry / Cleaning	
	Entertainment	
	Miscellaneous	
	Total Expenses:	

Attachment #1



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HOUSING COUNSELING PROGRAM DISCLOSURE FORM

NOTE: If you have an impairment, disability, language barrier, or otherwise require an alternative means of completing this form or accessing information about our housing counseling program, please inform our housing counselor program staff so alternative accommodations may be arranged.

<u>Agency Description and Program Purpose</u>: Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties, Inc. is a nonprofit, HUD-approved comprehensive housing counseling agency. We provide education workshops and a full spectrum of housing counseling including pre-purchase, foreclosure prevention and nondelinquency post-purchase counseling. We serve all clients regardless of income, race, color, religion/creed, sex, national origin, age, family status, disability, or sexual orientation/gender identity. We administer our programs in conformity with local, state, and federal anti-discrimination laws, including the federal Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3600, et seq.).

Services Offered

Pre-purchase Counseling – One-on-one homebuyer counseling to clients seeking to achieve homeownership. Assistance is offered in developing an action plan to help homebuyers reach their home buying goal.

Financial Management/Budget Counseling – One-on-one counseling designed to help individuals create and manage a budget, manage household debt, and learn ways to reach financial goals.

Home Improvement and Rehabilitation Counseling – One-on-one counseling designed to assist in developing an action plan to help homeowners reach their home improvement or home rehabilitation goals.

Mortgage Delinquency and Default Resolution Counseling – One-on-one counseling designed to help homeowners get current on their mortgage payments, work out a payment agreement with their lender, or navigate the sale or foreclosure process.

Pre-Purchase Homebuyer Education Workshops – HUD approved 8-hour group workshop on topics that will prepare the homebuyer to make informed home purchase decisions. Topics include homebuyer readiness, managing money, understanding credit, obtaining a mortgage loan, shopping for a home, and protecting your investment.

Financial, Budgeting and Credit Workshops – Group workshops to prepare individuals to make wise financial decisions. Topics include preparing and managing a budget, managing, and reducing debt, tips and tools for managing and saving money and preparing for future expenses.

Non-Delinquency Post-Purchase Homeowner Workshops – Group workshops on topics to prepare homeowners for the opportunities and challenges brought about by buying a new home. Topics include benefits of homeownership, money matters, maintaining your home and community involvement.

Additionally, Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties, Inc. has a homebuyer program, an owner-occupied repair program and a rental program for residents of Lee and Hendry Counties. You are not obligated to participate in this or other Habitat for Humanity programs and services while you are receiving housing counseling from our agency.

As a housing counseling program participant, please affirm your roles and responsibilities along with the following disclosures and initial, sign, and date the form on the following page.

assistance received from another agency within the last year.

<u>Agency Conduct</u>: No Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties, Inc. employee, officer, director, contractor, volunteer, or agent shall undertake any action that might result in, or create the appearance of, administering counseling operations for personal or private gain, provide preferential treatment for any person or organization, or engage in conduct that will compromise our agency's compliance with federal regulations and our commitment to serving the best interests of our clients.

<u>Agency Relationships</u>: Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties, Inc's Counseling Program has professional affiliations with HUD, The State of Florida, Lee County, Hendry County, The City of Fort Myers, The City of Cape Coral, The City of Bonita Springs, the City of Labelle, Florida Housing Coalition, and banks including SunTrust Bank, Iberia Bank, Florida Community Bank, BB&T, FineMark, EverBank, Regions, Bank of America, and Northern Trust. As a housing counseling program participant, you are not obligated to use the products and services of Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties, Inc., or our industry partners.

<u>Alternative Services, Programs, and Products & Client Freedom of Choice</u>: Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties, Inc. has a homebuyer program. However, you are not obligated to participate in this or other Habitat for Humanity programs and services while you are receiving housing counseling from

our agency. You may consider seeking alternative products and services from entities including the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), Lee County Housing Development Corporation, and USDA for first-time homebuyer loan programs. You are entitled to choose whatever real estate professionals, lenders, and lending products that best meet your needs.

Referrals and Community Resources: You will be provided a community resource list which outlines the county and regional services available to meet a variety of needs, including utilities assistance, emergency shelter, transitional housing, food banks, and legal aid assistance. This list also identifies alternative agencies that provide services, programs, or products identical to those offered by Habitat for Humanity and its exclusive partners and affiliates.

Privacy Policy and Relevant Information: I/we acknowledge that I/we received a copy of the following:

- _____ Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties, Inc's Privacy Policy
- "Know the Signs of Housing Discrimination" sheet
- "For Your Protection: Get a Home Inspection" sheet
- "Ten Important Questions to Ask Your Home Inspector" sheet
- "Protect Your Home From Lead in Your Home" sheet



Errors and Omissions and Disclaimer of Liability: I/we agree Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties, Inc., its employees, agents, and directors are not liable for any claims and causes of action arising from errors or omissions by such parties or related to my participation in Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties, Inc's. counseling program, and I hereby release and waive all claims of action against Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties, Inc., and its affiliates. I have read this document, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law. If any provision of this document is unenforceable, it shall be modified to the extent necessary to make the provision valid and binding, and the remainder of this document shall remain enforceable to the full extent allowed by law.

<u>Quality Assurance:</u> In order to assess client satisfaction and in compliance with grant funding requirements, Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry County, Inc., or one of its partners, may contact you during or after the completion of your housing counseling service. You may be requested to complete a survey asking you to evaluate your client experience. Your survey data may be confidentially shared with Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties, Inc. grantors such as HUD or one of our professional affiliates.

I/we acknowledge that I/we received, reviewed, and agree to Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties, Inc's Housing Counseling Program Disclosures.

 Signature
 Client Printed Name
 Date

 Signature
 Client Printed Name
 Date



Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties, Inc. Privacy Statement and Notice

At Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties, Inc., we are committed to keeping your information private. We recognize the importance clients, applicants, partner families, tenants, and homeowners place on the privacy and confidentiality of their information. While new technologies allow us to more efficiently serve our customers, we are committed to maintaining privacy standards that are synonymous with our established and trusted name.

When collecting, storing, and retrieving client, applicant, partner family, tenant, and homeowner data –such as tax returns, pay stubs, credit reports, employment verifications and payment history– internal controls are maintained throughout the process to ensure security and confidentiality.

We collect nonpublic personal information about you from the following sources:

- Information we receive from you on intake forms, applications or other forms;
- Information about your transactions with us, our affiliates, or others;
- Information we receive from a consumer reporting agency;
- Information we receive from you during interviews

We may disclose the following kinds of nonpublic personal information about you:

- Information we receive from you on intake forms, applications or other forms, such as name, address, social security number, income, age, assets, family size, ethnicity, and other information from the intake form/application;
- Information about your transactions with us, our affiliates, or others such as your payment history or amounts due to us;
- Information we receive from a consumer reporting agency such as your credit history;
- Information gathered from interviews with us, such as family size

Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties, Inc., employees and volunteers are subject to a written policy regarding confidentiality and access to applicant data is restricted to staff and volunteers on an as-needed basis. Information is used for lawful business purposes and is never shared with third parties without your consent, except as permitted by law. As permitted by law, we may disclose nonpublic personal information about you to the following types of third parties:

- Financial service providers, such as mortgage servicing agents or banks providing loan funding;
- Nonprofit organizations, public sector agencies or governments

We may also disclose nonpublic information about you to nonaffiliated third parties as permitted by law, in connection with our normal operating practices.

We do not disclose any nonpublic personal information about you to anyone, except as permitted by law. We maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards that comply with federal regulations to guard your nonpublic personal information.

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties, Inc. Privacy Statement and Notice.

Client Signature

Date

Client Signature

Date

Print Name _____

Print Name _____