

# Loss Mitigation Task Force CHFA Presentation

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## CHFA's Foreclosure Prevention Programs: CT FAMLIES EMAP Counseling Judicial Mediation



# **Market Conditions**





Source: Mortgage Banker's National Delinquency Survey – covers about 88% of first lien mortgages in the market



#### **Loan Profiles**



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#### **Number of Seriously Delinquent Loans in Connecticut**



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#### **Seriously Delinquent Loans**



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#### **Delinquency and Unemployment**



#### Unemployment Rate

Seriously Delinquent Loans

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# **CHFA** Program Information



# **CT FAMLIES**

- Response to subprime crisis
- Refinancing option
- Pre-Ullman bonds
- 1<sup>st</sup> mortgage & 2<sup>nd</sup> mortgage options



## **CT FAMLIES Eligibility:**

- Delinquency or evidence of inability to pay
- Financial hardship
- Meets CHFA income limits
- Demonstrates fiscal responsibility



## **CT FAMLIES** – Evolution

- FHA Secured (delinquency required)
- FHA Secured discontinued 12/09
- CTFAMLIES becomes CHFA Insured Program in 2010
- Statutory change allows fixed-rate borrowers.
- CHFA modifies delinquency requirements



Borrowers apply through 6 participating lenders:

- First Niagara Bank
- Freedom Mortgage
- Liberty Bank
- McCue Mortgage
- People's United Bank
- Webster Bank











Number of loans (thru 10.31.2011)	159
Average loan amount	\$197,267
Total loan volume	\$31,365,472
Average home value	\$223,002
% condominiums	10.1%







#### Loans Declined By CHFA











#### Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (EMAP)

- Created in 1993 with \$4 million
- Modified & funded in 2008 w/\$14 million State Banking Funds:
  - \$5 million funded EMAP
  - \$5 million CHFA trans to Foreclosure Mediation
  - \$4 million taken back by State
- \$ 50 million CHFA bonds w/ debt service paid by State



#### **EMAP Program Eligibility (statutory)**

- Non-FHA only
- 25% income reduction
- Good credit history
- Work w/lender & counselor
- Reasonable expectation of repayment
- Credit history to 2-yr look back (from 5)
- Increase to 5 yrs of assistance (from 3)
- Include refinance as consideration for "able to pay"
- Allow arrears up to 4+ per year
- Change 25% threshold



#### **Statutory EMAP changes 2009**

- Redefine hardship income & expense
- Allow anticipation of hardship
- Allow reapplication if referred by foreclosure mediation



## EMAP

- Brings mortgage current + monthly assistance
- Repaid when hardship is overcome & repayment is affordable
- Reviewed annually (at least)



#### 2011 closed loans

- Average initial disbursement \$28K
- Average monthly assistance \$787 (1st mrtg)
- Average monthly assistance \$1100 (combined mrtgs)



#### **Review of 181 EMAP assistance changes:**

- 87 reduced assistance
- 20 off assistance
- 71 increased assistance
- 3 no change



EMAP APPLICATIONS RECEIVED As of 10/31/11





EMAP APPROVED LOANS As of 10/31/11





#### EMAP

- 577 loans approved
- CHFA services loans
- Recertify borrowers annually.
- Anticipate 250 loans in 2012 to deplete remaining funds
- 8% average delinquency Jan July 2011



#### **Primary Reasons for Denials**



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## **Foreclosure Prevention Counseling**

- CHFA approved counseling agency either delinquent or anticipate hardship
- Counseling agencies supporting with \$850,000 funding from CHFA and grants from HUD, NFMC
- Funding streams are uncertain



#### **Results of Foreclosure Counseling**

- Over 7,500 households assisted
- Wide range of solutions
- Successfully navigating homeowners through their options



## **Judicial Mediation**

- Resolve foreclosure by negotiating repayment, modification of terms, or short sale.
- Homeowners receive notification of mediation along with foreclosure notice.



## Success of CT Judicial Mediation Program

- 80% settlement rate
- 65% of borrowers stay in home
- 15% moving from home



# Estimated Demand Future Programs



#### **Future of Programs**

- Currently 40,000 households at 90+ days
- 15,000 borrowers in subprime mortgages
- Continued need for financial assistance for under-employed and unemployed



#### **CT FAMLIES Recommendations**

- Existing program resources expended 2012
- Allow current program to sunset
- Work with Washington to allow HFAs to provide refinancing



#### **EMAP Recommendations**

- Existing resources expended in 2012
- Allow CHFA to work with FHA in order to provide EMAP assistance to certain borrowers
- If state continues program through 2014
  - CHFA estimates approximately two \$30 million in Bonding Authority issues with approximately \$2.3 million a piece in debt service annually
- CHFA to market program with counseling agencies