

ABOUT AFRICAN FAMILIES DEVELOPMENT NETWORK (AFDN)

Founded in 2008, African Families Development Network (AFDN) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit housing and credit counseling agency. We are a member agency of the Minnesota Homeownership Center and are a HUD-approved agency for our housing counseling services. Since 2011, we have been helping consumers with their budget, credit, and housing issues and we are grateful to continue serving consumers in need. We strengthen the financial position and enrich the lives of every-day people through homeownership. We provide Pre-purchase One-on-One Counseling, Pre-purchase Homebuyer Education Workshops, Rental Counseling and Homeless Counseling services to low and moderate income families through housing counseling services, and housing counseling assistance to consumers via phone, Internet, and in-person sessions. Adopt the National Industry Standards for Homeownership Education and Counseling.

OUR MISSION

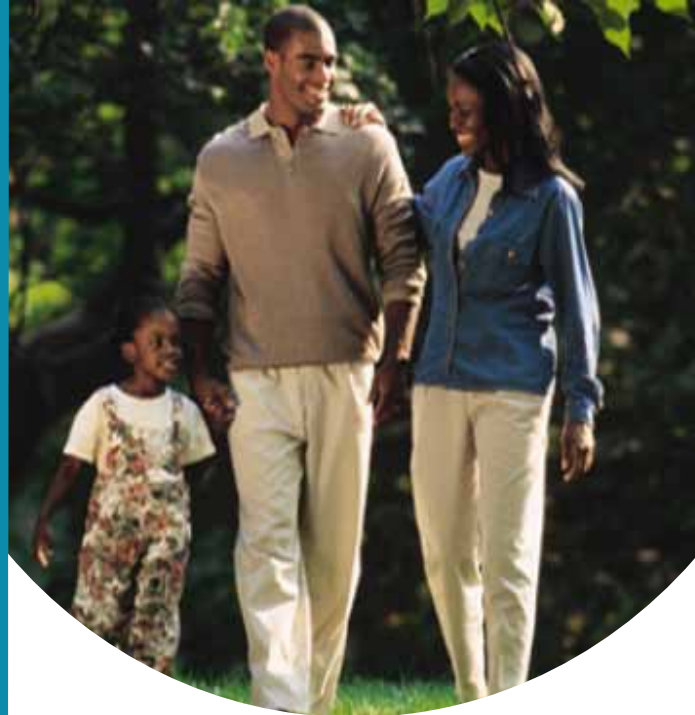
The mission of AFDN is to assist African immigrant families with economic, affordable housing for all, social and cultural development, education, health programs and services in order to ensure their self-sufficiency and overall well-being.

GOVERNANCE

AFDN is governed by a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors of African Families Development Network is responsible for overall policy, direction of the organization and delegates responsibilities of day-to-day operations to the staff and committees.

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

In accordance with the provisions of the Equal Opportunity Act and the African Families Development Network Homeownership Programs' policies, there will be no discrimination against an applicant for these benefits on the basis of age, source of income, sex, race, marital status, sexual orientation, national origin, religion or handicap.



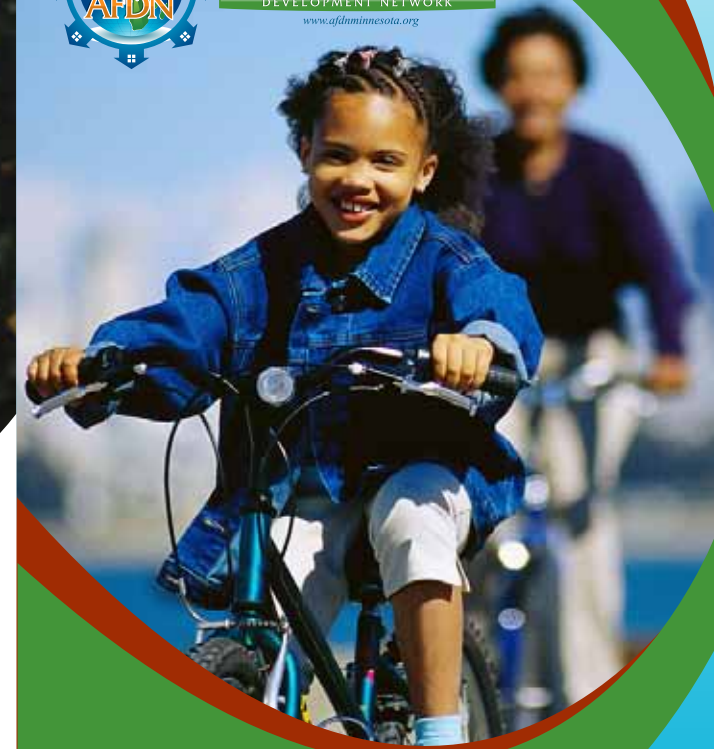
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HUD-Approved Housing Counseling Services

Your situation is not hopeless. On this site we are going to give you every possible way out of the dilemma you're now in. We are going to give you the information you'll need, AND reveal the options to get you all back on track, just as quickly as humanly possible. AFDN takes a holistic approach to family needs for shelter. AFDN recognizes that without technical assistance, client training, skills enhancement, consistency of service, understanding of cause and effect, and client follow-up, counseling intervention will not remedy individual housing problems or the housing crisis as a whole.

First Time Homebuyer Classes (Home Stretch)

Smart, sustainable homeownership starts with solid information. Our Home Stretch course is a series of in-person, classroom style workshops taught by experienced professionals. Get objective, practical information to make the best homeownership choices for you and your family. You will learn how to:

- Determine your financial situation
- Manage credit to make homeownership more affordable
- Choose your best mortgage options
- Select the right home for your family
- Understand the loan closing process
- Find down payment help, special loans for first-time homebuyers, and other offers. Here is a cost of \$40 per person for the classroom.

Pre-Purchase Counseling

Those interested in one-on-one counseling to help them prepare for homeownership may contact an AFDN housing counselor. AFDN provides free one-on-one housing counseling to all residents of Minnesota. One-on-one Counseling sessions allow for the analysis of your financial situation, assessment of your ability to qualify for a mortgage, development of a corrective action plan to overcome any barriers to achieving home-ownership. There is no charge to work with a HUD-approved housing counselor—help is free!

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Services for Homeless Counseling

Homelessness continues to be a major social issue facing the United States. This counseling service includes but is not limited to information regarding emergency shelter; other emergency services and transitional housing. AFDN Counselors are available to assist households with establishing goals and provide additional referrals to other social service programs. help is free!

Rental Counseling

Our rental counselors can help you with rental issues such as preparing for relocation, getting your finances and credit in order to rent, and affording your rent. We will help you improve your credit score in order to qualify for renting through credit report evaluation, reporting errors as well as share with you what you can do to raise your credit score. We will talk about possible resources in the community to help you. You will identify your goals and create an action plan list and timeline with the help of a counselor to accomplish your goals and affordable rental opportunities enabling our clients to reach an informed rental decision. Our Rental Counselors will teach you how to apply for tenancy, the typical expenses you'll incur as a renter, and how to properly communicate with your landlord. Our counselors will also let you know how to recover your security deposit if you're looking to relocate. help is free!

School Success

AFDN provides after school programs for low and moderate income children many East African students were born in refugee camps with little to no access to education. Upon arrival in the United States, refugee students are placed into grades based on their age rather than proficiency. AFDN's after-school program provides bilingual tutoring to help students boost their academic performance and social skills. The after school program includes homework help, tutoring, enrichment activities, and field trips. Volunteer tutors dedicate between 2 and 8 hours of their time per week to help our students bridge the academic achievement gap. In 2013, 80 students received individualized academic support.

Arts and Culture

AFDN focuses on the following areas: • Lobbying and advocating for the rights of artists in Minnesota as well as defending their freedom of musical expression; • Empowering young artists through cultural exchange, and sharing of experiences with other regional and international artists; • Promoting arts programs, including youth empowerment and entertainment as well as ensuring continuing development of the arts, literature and intercultural projects.

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