







# **Best Practices in Foreclosure Prevention**

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# Homeownership Preservation Foundation

A private charitable foundation established to help reduce foreclosures and preserve for homeownership for American families.

Principal strategy: free telephone counseling to the consumer 24/7, provided by four HUD-approved non-profit credit counseling agencies



### Calls at-a-glance

- On average 225 calls a day to 888-995-HOPE
  - Increasing avg. 25% every 8 weeks, 50% in last month alone
  - 17,000 calls to date in '06
- 44% of calls convert to counseling
  - Up from 28% in January
- 40% of counseling sessions result in either a workout or a sale/listing
- Partnership with Housing Policy Council and NeighborWorks involving 15 lenders



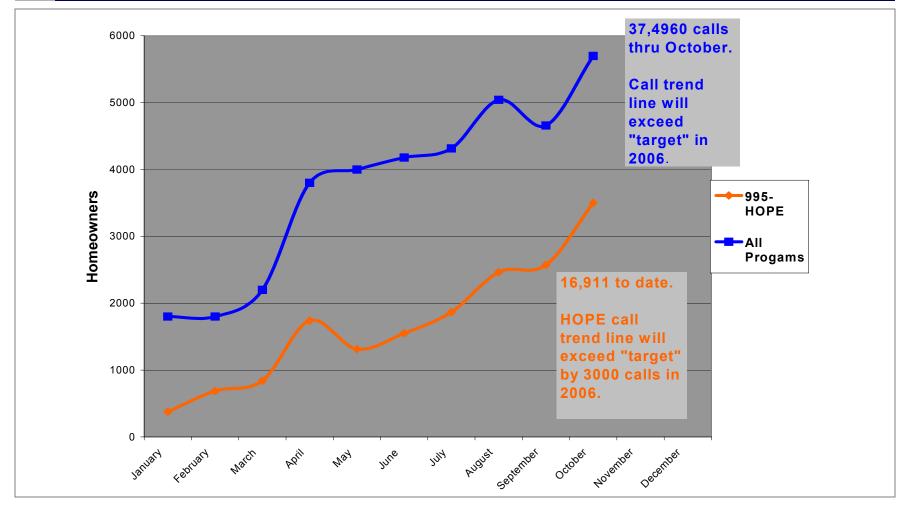
# Summary of the Status Quo

 Calls and capacity increasing incrementally—50% over the last month alone

 Quality remains high: 86% of callers would recommend service to friend or relative

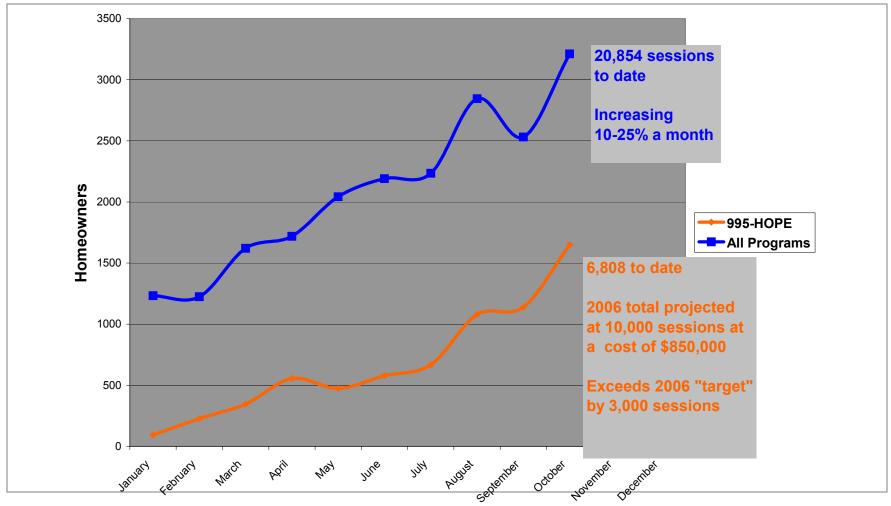


### Homeowner calls 2006



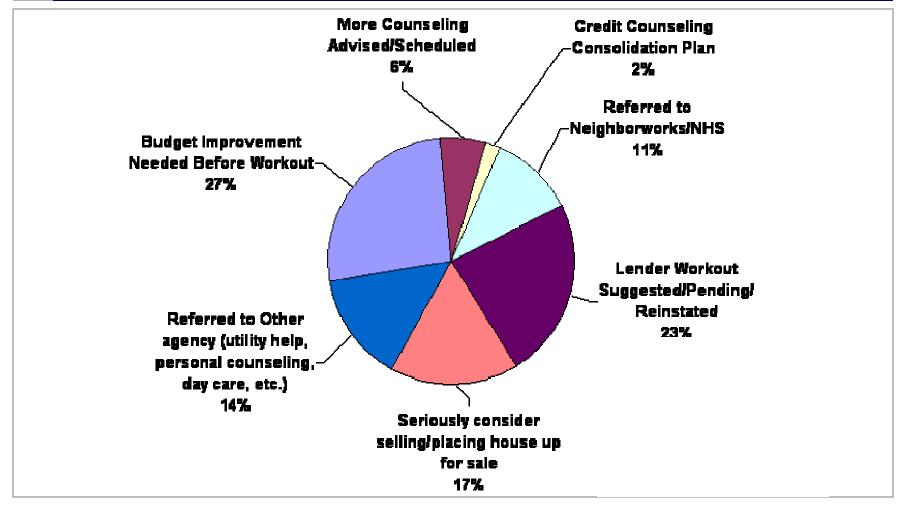


#### Homeowners counseled 2006



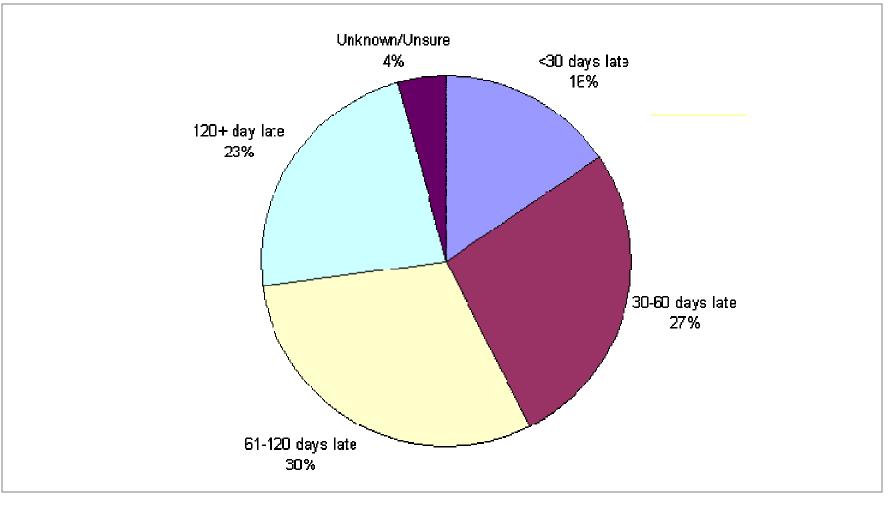


## Outcomes after Counseling



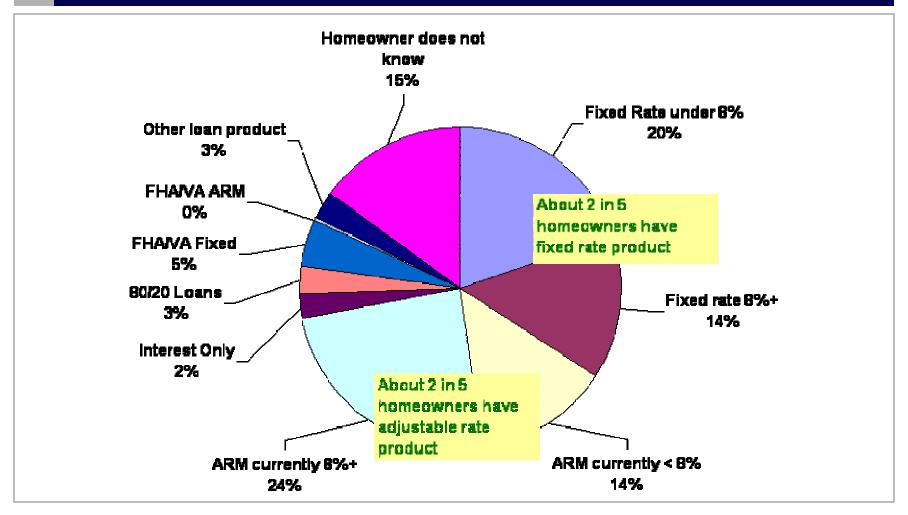


# Delinquency rates for callers





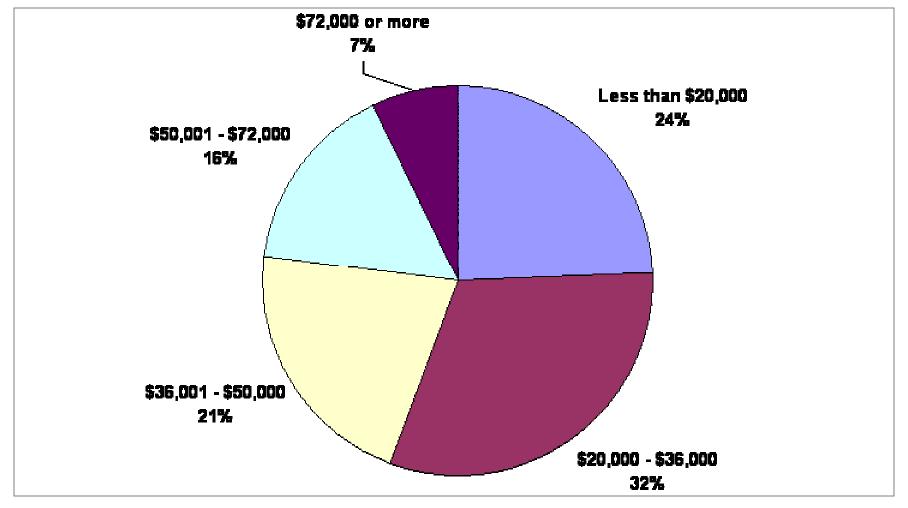
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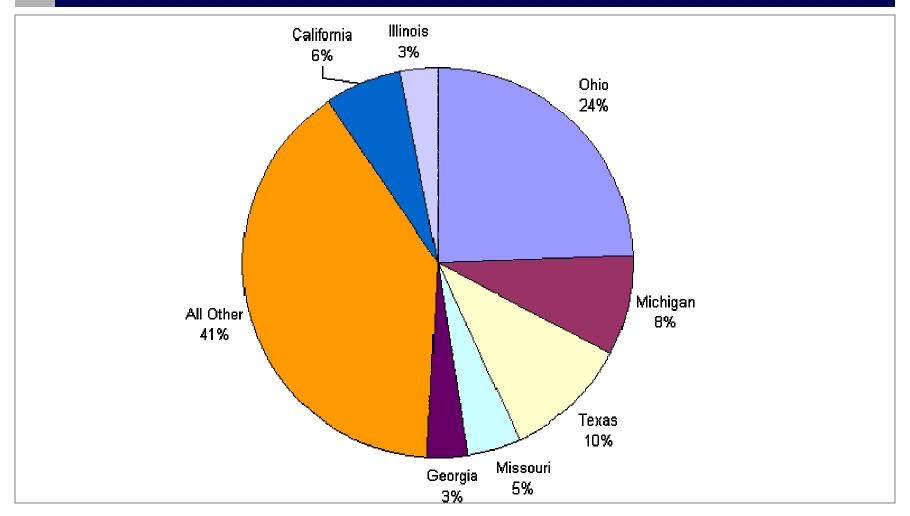
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(at start of counseling)



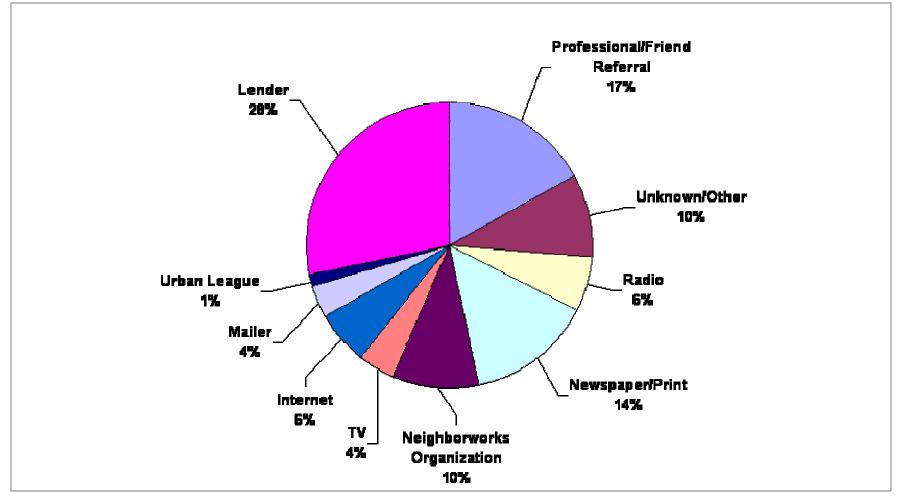


# 888-995-HOPE calls by state YTD





### How did you hear about us?





### U.S. foreclosure market stats by state





# Counseling sessions by zip code





## Total radio and TV PSA airings





#### Public service announcements

Radio PSAs

Stations/airings
153 stations, 42,000 airings

Heard by: 58.9 million people

Media value: \$1.6 million

TV PSAs

Stations/airings
257 stations, 5,810 airings

Seen by: 151.8 million people

– Media value: \$2.19 million

- PSA airings in 19 of 20 top foreclosure cities
- About 40% of callers hear about the hotline from campaign
- TV PSAs named "Spot of the Week" by Advertising Age, recognized by Ad Critic, and featured in Adweek and Brandweek
- Finalist, PR News' Nonprofit PR Awards
- Return on investment: 6:1



### Our callers

Based on a sample of 5,016 foreclosure prevention sessions conducted by CCCS Atlanta 2004 to 2006

•Age: 44

#### •Sex

- Female 62.7%
- Male 37.3%

#### Marital Status

- Married 49.8%
- Single 35.9%
- Divorced 14.3%

•Household Size: 2.96



# Our callers (continued)

#### Financial Information

Gross Annual Income \$36,027

Monthly Net Income \$ 2,622

Monthly Living Expenses \$ 1,670

Monthly Debt Payments \$ 1,798

Monthly Surplus/Deficit -\$ 846



# Our callers (continued)

#### Secured Debt Payments

- Mortgage \$1,168
- Non-Mortgage \$271
- Unsecured Debt
  - Total Debt \$14,196
- Minimum Payment Required \$360
- Net Worth \$51,347
  - Assets \$154,966
  - Liabilities \$103,620
- Credit Score
  - Average Caller Credit Score 502
  - Average US Credit Score 678



### Pitching in together

#### Lenders

- Refer your callers with difficult credit issues to 888-995-HOPE
- Supply a direct number to your loss mitigation group
- Route our counselors quickly to decision makers

#### Communities

- Connect struggling homeowners to 888-995-HOPE
- Publicly recognize the problem
- Endorse nonprofits who can help

#### Nonprofits

- Equip and train your counselors to handle the growing problem
- Partner with others whenever possible

