

Skyline CAP's Hall wins statewide award

Skyline Community Action Partnership would like to congratulate Sara Hall, its Community Programs Coordinator and Certified Comprehensive Housing Counselor, for receiving the "Empowerment Award" from Virginia Association of Housing Counselors.

The Empowerment Award is for counselors who have demonstrated their commitment to improving the lives of families and the well-being of communities. Hall has proven herself time and again as she goes the extra mile for clients, never giving up. Her greatest accomplishment has been successfully halting foreclosures within days of sale and even one on the courthouse steps 10 minutes before the sale.

Hall dove into the housing counseling field with no experience in 2008 when she began her tenure at

Skyline CAP. Since then, she has become an assertive advocate for clients dealing with foreclosure. Her motto is that "no situation is hopeless." Hall prides herself on her ability to make tangible differences in the lives of the clients she serves.

Housing Counseling is one of the cornerstones of Skyline CAP's services. During the last fiscal year, Skyline CAP provided housing counseling, primarily focused on preventing foreclosures, to 54 households within the agency's three-county service area of Madison, Greene, and Orange. Housing counseling services are available to all residents in our service counties regardless of income. In addition to foreclosure prevention, services include first-time homebuyer counseling.

The Virginia Association of Housing Counselors, Inc. (VAHC) is

a statewide association of housing counselors and organizations in related fields, who have joined together for the purpose of strengthening housing counseling as a profession and assuring that all low and moderate income families and individuals are offered the opportunity to live in safe, decent and affordable housing. Counselors assist homeowners, homebuyers, and renters with all housing related problems and have received HUD certification to conduct housing counseling services.

Skyline CAP has provided services in the community for 21 years. Its mission is to give a hand up, not a hand out, to families in need in Orange, Greene, and Madison counties. This is done through programs that focus on education, affordable housing, and emergency assistance.



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Sara Hall, left, receives the "Empowerment Award" from Shernita Bethea, the former president of Virginia Association of Housing Counselors.