

## HOUSING COUNSELING AGENCIES

*(with down payment assistance, when available)*  
If you wish to enroll in any of these classes please contact **Mechall Patterson**  
[mstpatterson@tarrantcounty.com](mailto:mstpatterson@tarrantcounty.com)  
(817) 531-7643



**Tarrant County Housing Partnership**  
Veronica Serna  
(817) 924-5091

**NID Housing Counseling Agency**  
Jamie Thibodeaux  
(817) 507-0670

*(no down payment assistance funds at this time)*

## CREDIT REPAIR CLASSES

For enrollment information for any of these classes please contact **Mechall Patterson**.  
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**Catholic Charities**  
Lidia Santibanez  
(817) 534-0814

**YWCA**  
Kim Clarke  
(817) 332-6191

**Tarrant County Housing Partnership**  
Veronica Serna  
(817) 924-5091

## STEPS TO HOMEOWNERSHIP



1. **Become a member of the Tarrant County FSS Program for at least 1 year.**
2. **Have a job for at least one year.\***
3. **Achieve a credit score of at least 640.**
4. **Attend/complete a HUD approved Housing Counseling Program.**
5. **Save at least \$1,500.**
6. **Save or obtain** *(via grant/down payment assistance, etc.)* **a 3% down payment.**
7. **Select a Real Estate Broker of your choice.**
8. **Choose a lender of your choice to get mortgage pre-approval.**
9. **Find an affordable home.**
10. **Close and move-in!**

\* *Some exceptions apply to seniors and persons with disabilities.*

Tarrant County staff can assist you in achieving all of the above.



## Tarrant County Housing Assistance Office Homeownership Resource & Reference Guide

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[www.tarrantcounty/ehousing](http://www.tarrantcounty/ehousing)

## Tarrant County Housing Assistance Office

### RESOURCES

Tarrant County Housing Assistance Office (TCHAO) provides the following services in assisting FSS participants to become first-time homeowners:

- Employment
- Education (GED/College)
- Job Training
- Credit Repair & Budgeting
- Referrals to:
  - Housing Counseling Agencies
    - Down payment assistance
    - Credit Repair
  - Real Estate Agents
  - Lenders

Please contact **Mechall Patterson** to access any of these services at [mspatterson@tarrantcounty.com](mailto:mspatterson@tarrantcounty.com)  
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**Although we do not make personal endorsements or recommendations, as a resource, if you wish, you may feel free to make direct contact with any of the resources listed in this brochure or any other professionals of your choice.**

## LENDERS



The following is a partial list of lenders that we have worked with or who have expressed an interest in working with families who wish to purchase a home with their Housing Choice Voucher (HCV). **You may always use a lender of your choice who is willing to work with the HCV program standards.**

Linda Hammond  
**Guild Mortgage**  
**(817) 303-7300**

Stephanie Holbert  
**Texas Mortgage Banking**  
**(817) 431-8618**

Ruth Ann Dunham  
**Service First Mortgage**  
**(682) 433-5140**

## REAL ESTATE AGENTS



The following real estate professionals have worked with participants receiving housing assistance.

- Leticia Gallegos - **Showcase Realty**  
(817) 303-0123
- Al Martinez - **Pueblo Real Estate**  
(817) 703-1415
- LaRose Lewellen - **Keller Williams Realty**  
(817) 528- 3907

## LAWYERS



Lawyers are often used to review contracts and other documents in the process of buying, owning and selling real estate, however, some chose not to use lawyers. This is your choice. Some are listed below.

David or Leticia Patin      817-457-5364  
*Patin Law Firm*

Frank Jacobi                      817-457-9540  
*Jacobi Law Firm*

Geoff or Hudson Henley      214-821-0222  
*Henley and Henley, PC*