



Jackson County Homeowners Reach Out for Economic Help

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JACKSON, Mich. (WLNS) - Housing experts say foreclosures in Michigan have leveled off, but they're still higher than they were before the recession.

Dave Krul hasn't had full-time work since he was laid-off two years ago. His savings and unemployment have dried up. The family's on food stamps and last fall came dangerously close to losing their home. So Krul went to Jackson's Community Action Agency for help.

"When you see stories on tv, on Channel 6 News, it's always the other guy. You don't think it can happen in your world," said Krul.

The housing counselors at CAA say when foreclosures in Jackson County were at their peak in 2007, it was from bad mortgages. Now they say it's happening because more and more people just can't make ends meet.

Krul applied for money through Step Forward Michigan, a program worth \$500 million to stop foreclosures throughout the state. People who are behind on property taxes, who owe more than their home is worth, who are on unemployment or who are simply behind can apply for immediate help.

"We have received help and we're trying to turn the page and really - start a new life."

Homeowners may qualify for up to \$30,000 of aid. To find out how you can apply, visit [Seen on 6](#).