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**ST. MARTIN CENTER ONLY AGENCY IN THE REGION TO OFFER  
THREE HUD CERTIFIED HOUSING COUNSELORS**

Erie, PA – St. Martin Center, Inc. is proud to announce that our Self Sufficiency Department now boasts three (3) Department of Housing and Urban Development approved Housing Counselors, the only agency in the region to have this distinction.

Our certified HUD counselors are here to help people get expert, unbiased advice on buying a home, renting, defaults, foreclosures, and credit issues. They have in-depth knowledge of housing programs, mortgage options, and budgeting strategies. HUD certification is required, here at St. Martin Center, because it helps ensure that our counselors are trained professionals who provide the highest level of quality, standardized, well-rounded programming.

St. Martin Center is continuing to offer housing & financial counseling through our Financial Independence for Tomorrow (F.I.T) series. These classes take place monthly in person at SMC and also via Zoom in multiple library locations throughout Erie County.

“Our Financial Independence for Tomorrow (F.I.T.) program celebrates helping over 100 people last year receive one-on-one counseling to assist with housing programs, mortgage options, and budgeting strategies,” said Regina Perry, Self Sufficiency Director, St. Martin Center. “Our F.I.T. program gives you the tools and knowledge to start building a healthy, financial future.”

St. Martin Center has been providing housing counseling and education services for 25 years and has become a trusted leader for financial literacy and counseling, home buying counseling and education, and foreclosure counseling and prevention.

“Our F.I.T. program gives you the tools and knowledge to start building a healthy, financial future,” stated David González, Chief Executive Officer, St. Martin Center. “We believe that everyone can benefit from learning how to better manage their finances”.

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