ACAP Announces 2017 Homeownership Classes

Aroostook County Action Program, Inc. (ACAP) is pleased to announce the schedule for homeownership classes in 2017. Classes will be taught by Gary "Sonny" Sirois. Sonny is a certified hoMEworks Homeownership Education Provider with a background in community service as well as public housing programs.

"We had a record number of participants in our homeownership classes in 2016," explains Sirois. "It has been encouraging to hear that many of the participants have purchased, or are in the process of purchasing, a home." Homeownership classes provide an in-person 10-hour course on the essentials of successful homeownership to educate both homeowners and those who aspire to own their own home. This course offering is open to the public for a small fee of $30 per person or $50 per couple. If attending an in-person class is a hardship, an online option is available at www.ehomeamerica.org/acap for $99 per person.

As a result of completing the course, participants will be eligible for a number of assistance programs, such as USDA Rural Development’s 502 Single Family Direct and Guaranteed Loan Programs, and Maine Housing’s Home Loan Program, Advantage, which offers up to $3,500 toward closing costs.

Each class requires attendance to four sessions held on two consecutive Mondays and Wednesdays. "Participants appreciate that they can complete the class over a two week period," shares Sirois. "Each session is 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and includes guest speakers from the lending, home inspection, realty, legal, and home insurance fields." The first class begins Monday, February 27, 2017. A complete list of dates and times can be found at www.acap-me.org/Helpful Info. For more information, please contact Sirois at 764-3721.

ACAP is celebrating 45 Years of Making Life Better in Aroostook County! ACAP provides the people of Aroostook County with services and resources that help individuals and families achieve greater economic independence. As a leader, or in partnership with others, ACAP provides guidance to the community in responding to emerging human needs in the areas of community health, early care and education, energy and housing, and workforce development services. For more information on ACAP, or to make a tax-deductible contribution, please contact the agency at 771 Main Street, on the web at www.acap-me.org, or by calling 764-3721.