

## **Pathfinder Community Connections Partners with E-Home America for Online Home Buyer Education Classes**

Pathfinder Community Connections has recently partnered with eHome America, the nation's premier online home ownership education program offering access to quality, accessible information and education for first-time home buyers.

"We are excited to be able to offer this dynamic educational tool to our residents in location," stated Natalie Fisher, Home Buyer Education Coordinator for Pathfinder Community Connections. "With eHome America, we will be able to reach our rural and metropolitan constituents alike. Now quality learning can be found anytime on the Internet."

In English and Spanish with over 50 video tutorials, eHome America is the most comprehensive online home buyer training course available throughout the nation. Home buyers learn at their own pace and are held accountable with integrated quizzes and tests.

eHome America is home buyer education that is leading the smart home buyer revolution. Home ownership counselors nationwide are embracing eHome America as the ideal solution to service more people on a tighter budget.

Launched in May 2009, over fifty housing counseling organizations in twenty-six states have seen the benefits to partnership with eHome America. Over 4000 potential homebuyers have successfully completed the course.

This structured web-based class is based on the NeighborWorks America curricula, 'Realizing the American Dream' with videos to assist learning. To improve the accessibility of the informative, interactive modules, the text was written to a sixth to eighth grade reading level. Unlike a classroom environment, eHome America Homebuyer Education course checks student's learning with frequent feedback through quizzes and tests. Following the course, which is designed to take eight hours, in-person or phone counseling commences prior to the completion certificate being printed.

Additionally, the US Department of Agriculture's Office of Rural Development announced that eHome America's homebuyer education meets the Agency's needs as a provider for on-line homebuyer education.

Potential homebuyers can access eHome America at [www.eHomeAmerica.org](http://www.eHomeAmerica.org) or contact Natalie Fisher at Pathfinder Community Connections at (260)356-0521 Ext. 3213 or at [nfisher@pathfinderservices.org](mailto:nfisher@pathfinderservices.org). The cost for the eight-hour course is \$49.

Pathfinder Community Connections is the community development division of Pathfinder Services and was created in 1997. Pathfinder Community Connections guides potential home buyers through the entire process of pre-purchase education, loan packaging, closing on the home, post purchase counseling, and when in need foreclosure prevention. Pathfinder Community Connections can be found online at [www.cchomes.org](http://www.cchomes.org).