

## **Collier County FTF History and Background:**

In February 2008, the Collier County Foreclosure Task Force (FTF) was formed by Legal Aid Services of Collier County and the Collier County Bar Association as a grassroots, pro bono initiative to prevent foreclosure through education and intervention. This FTF has assisted approximately 1,000 local homeowners since 2008 through various public outreach events, workshops, and legal clinics. Over 12,500 others have visited the website created by the FTF which contains links and helpful resources, along with video and multimedia designed to assist those at risk of foreclosure.

The FTF project grew rapidly in scope and agency members currently include, but are not limited to: the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, Naples Area Board of Realtors, Collier County Code Enforcement, Collier County School District, Collier County Sheriff's Office, Collier County Clerk's Office, Housing Development Corporation of SW Florida, Inc., David Lawrence Center, Mental Health Association of SW Florida, Marco Island Chamber of Commerce, and Marco Island Board of Realtors.