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## Isles presents first-time home buyer event

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Thinking about purchasing your first home? Isles, the Trenton-based community development and environmental nonprofit, wants to help.

On Saturday June 9th, from 10-12:30 p.m., Isles will host its first Welcome Home Fair for first-time home buyers.

The free event will provide participants with an opportunity to learn about the home buying process and to speak directly with experts. Representatives from lending institutions, government agencies and nonprofit groups, as well as legal and real estate professionals will be on hand to answer

questions and provide information potential buyers need.

The event is designed to assist potential buyers in making informed decisions.

"The prospect of buying a first home can be both exciting and daunting," said Peter Rose, Managing Director for Isles Community Enterprises. "People are wise to proceed with caution but they shouldn't dismiss the idea of buying a home simply due to a lack of information about what's involved."

Isles is a HUD-certified housing counseling agency with over thirty-seven years of experience in the Trenton area. Following the event, participants will have an opportunity to work one-on-one with a housing counselor.

For those who need to get their finances in order before they are ready for a purchase, Isles offers financial coaching services that focus on budgeting, credit improvement, debt reduction, and increasing savings.

"Not everyone who thinks about buying a house will buy a house. That's fine," Rose said. "But everyone benefits from getting their financial house in order."

Isles' Welcome Home Fair is free but space is limited and registration is required. Get tickets online at http://bit.ly/welcomehome18 or contact Isles at homehelp@isles.org 609.341.4714.

The event will take place at Isles' Social Profit Center at Mill One, 1 North Johnston Ave., Hamilton, NJ 08609. Free parking is available.

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