Foreclosure Crisis Linked to Health of Homeowners

Tue, 21 Apr 2009 Foreclosures in the East Bay are creating more than an economic crisis for many residents.

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"Foreclosures continues to test the help of many east Oakland residents. Don Phillips of the group Just Cause Oakland has been going to foreclosed properties and talking to residents."

"Most every person we talk to know. Expect some kind of depression or anxiety."

"His observations reflect the findings -- a preliminary report from the Alameda county health department which found that stress due to housing instability can lead to negative health impacts. This is neighborhoods are being socially to stabilize."

"Just so they're really just informal. Social communal relations that are in the communities like a lot of that is being torn apart."

"Phillips believes residents in the east and west Oakland could benefit greatly if banks made more loan modifications and took more responsibility for maintaining foreclosed properties. In the east bay Dave Padilla KCBS."

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