FAIR HOUSING

City of Racine Fair Housing August 2022 Activity Report

*TOTAL # OF INTAKES: 0 *CALL-INS / WALK-INS: 19 ASSESSED / REFERRED: 25	
ASSESSED / REFERRED: 25 Dept. of Ag. Trade & Cons. Prot.	2
Environmental Health Department	0
Building Department (RENTS)	9
Racine Fire Department	0
Clerk of Courts (Small Claims)	0
Housing Authority	0
Legal Action of Wisconsin	5
Tenant Resource Center	2
ELCA Outreach Center	0
WI Bar Association	2
Neighborhood Watch/COP House	0
Housing Resources Inc./FEC	0
HOPES Center	0
St. Vincent De Paul	0
Salvation Army	0
Energy Assistance	0
HALO	0
Racine Kenosha Community Action	0
Lutheran Social Services	0
Here 2 Help	0
Affordable Housing Resources List	4
AA/HRC Complaint Racine	0
HUD Discrimination Referral	0
HUD Nondiscrimination Referral	1
Discrimination ERD Referral	0
Investigated	0
Survey Test	0
Complaint Driven Test	0
Workforce Development Center	0

*All call-ins / walk-ins in the section assessed and referred may be multiple referrals.

*Intakes are specifically related to filing complaints with HUD/ERD.

OUTSIDE RACINE:

• 2 calls from outside Racine: Milwaukee (2)

MEDIA INTERVIEW:

• None

PRESENTATION/COMMUNITY EVENTS:

• None

Investigations Conducted:

• Complainant is a single, white, female, with a disability. She won a service animal case against the management company in June 2022. The management company is now increasing the rent every month and filed a lease non-renewal action against her, without notice. Staff referred the case to Legal Action of Wisconsin, and Disability Rights Wisconsin.

FILED (Alleged) COMPLAINT (S) w/HUD or ERD:

• None.

COMPLAINT UPDATE:

• Complainant is a white-Hispanic female with two children. Moved in April 2022, only half the house was complete. LL keeps promising to get repairs done and stops by, but does no work. LL wants to hang out and talk, CP feels uncomfortable. Case was referred to the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council for potential investigation of sexual harassment. CP has explicit text messages from LL. Staff also sent housing resource list to CP to find new suitable housing. CP has found a new place to live and is working with an attorney to sue the landlord for discrimination.

COMPLAINTS RESOLVED/CLOSED:

• No Fair Housing cases reached full resolution this month.

Fair Housing Test Conducted:

None

SPECIAL NOTES:

Staff is looking for groups to speak with about Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing. Please share potential contacts with staff.

Staff has been coordinating and working together with local agencies to have a strong rental assistance response. Racine County has established the Here 2 Help program, which both provides referrals and services to Racine residents.