

FAIR HOUSING

City of Racine Fair Housing March 2023 Activity Report

*TOTAL # OF INTAKES:	3
*CALL-INS / WALK-INS:	22
ASSESSED / REFERRED:	51
Dept. of Ag. Trade & Cons. Prot.	5
Environmental Health Department	0
Building Department (RENTS)	7
Racine Fire Department	1
Clerk of Courts (Small Claims)	0
Housing Authority	2
Legal Action of Wisconsin	10
Tenant Resource Center	5
ELCA Outreach Center	0
WI Bar Association	7
Neighborhood Watch/COP House	7
Housing Resources Inc./FEC	0
HOPES Center	0
St. Vincent De Paul	1
Salvation Army	0
Energy Assistance	0
HALO	0
Racine Kenosha Community Action	0
Disability Rights WI	0
LIFT Wisconsin	0
Affordable Housing Resources List	2
AA/HRC Complaint Racine	0
HUD Discrimination Referral	3
HUD Nondiscrimination Referral	0
Discrimination ERD Referral	0
Investigated	3
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:

- 3 calls from outside Racine: Caledonia(1); Mt. Pleasant (1); Union Grove (1)

MEDIA INTERVIEW:

- None

PRESENTATION/COMMUNITY EVENTS:

- None

Investigations Conducted:

- Complainant is a disabled black male with mobility issues. The property owner has accused him of dealing drugs and being too loud. CP states this is from him limping and using his cane. Staff assisted CP to write a letter of reasonable accommodation and instructed CP to get a new cane tip to cut down on the noise. The property owner is no longer calling the CP daily.
- Complainant is a married, white female with two grandchildren living in her unit. One grandchild had police involvement and a conflict with the neighbor. The property owner wanted to call a meeting, with the neighbor at the complainant house to deal with the issue. CP did not feel comfortable in that situation and wanted to meet elsewhere. Staff advised the CP to reach out directly to the property owner and explain that her grandson is undergoing treatment for his disability and she will work with the property owner to settle the situation. The property owner agreed and a meeting is scheduled for early April.
- Complaint is a single, black female with a disability. CP lives in a HUD subsidized senior building and has her children and grandchildren over regularly to provide caregiving. The property manager wrote a written complaint that the CP had an unauthorized guest living in the unit. Staff helped the CP draft a letter of accommodation to allow family to be caregivers, until a formal arrangement with caregiver is made. The management did not respond in the requested time, the CP decided to file a HUD complaint on her own.

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

- None.

COMPLAINT UPDATE:

- Complainant is a single, black male, with a disability. CP has a condition that requires a first floor unit. The CP has a criminal history and is worried it will get in the way. Staff explained the HUD guidance on using criminal history for HUD Subsidized Properties and helped the CP understand how to communicate his past if asked. CP called and let staff know he will be moving in early April to a subsidized senior building.

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.

April is Fair Housing Month.