

FAIR HOUSING

City of Racine Fair Housing October 2019 Activity Report

*TOTAL # OF INTAKES: 2

*CALL-INS / WALK-INS: 18

ASSESSED / REFERRED: 26

Dept. of Ag. Trade & Cons. Prot.	2
Environmental Health Department	6
Building Department	0
Racine Fire Department	0
Clerk of Courts (Small Claims)	0
Housing Authority	0
Legal Action of Wisconsin	2
Tenant Resource Center	5
ELCA Outreach Center	3
WI Bar Association	2
Neighborhood Watch/COP House	1
Housing Resources Inc.	0
HOPES Center	0
St. Vincent De Paul	0
Salvation Army	1
Energy Assistance	0
HALO	1
Affordable Housing Resources List	1
AA/HRC Complaint Racine	0
HUD Discrimination Referral	2
HUD Nondiscrimination Referral	0
Discrimination ERD Referral	0
Investigated	2
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 total calls; 1 from Franksville, 1 from Mt. Pleasant, 1 from Union Grove

MEDIA INTERVIEW:

- None

PRESENTATION/COMMUNITY EVENTS:

- Attended Unlearning Racism, Thursday, October 3, 2019 and October 17, 2019 and October 31, 2019 – A six part class through the YWCA of Milwaukee and Racine.
- Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice Outreach
 - a. Bryant Center – Monday, October 14, 2019
 - b. Kanpp Elementary School – October 17, 2019
 - c. Homelessness and Housing Alliance – Friday, October 18, 2019
 - d. Chavez Center – Friday, October 18, 2019
 - e. Humble Park Community Center – October 23, 2019
 - f. Women's Resource Center – October 24, 2019
 - g. Hospitality Center – October 28, 2019
 - h. Racine Public Library – October 29, 2019
 - i. Northside Neighborhood Alliance (Geneva St. COP House) – October 29, 2019

*These outreach meetings are ongoing, Neighborhood Services Division staff will be reaching out to groups for input into the plans.
- UW Extension Networking Breakfast – October 22, 2019

Investigations Conducted:

- Complainant was living in a three-bedroom unit and property owner kept complaining her family was coming around too often and she had multiple people living in the unit. She explained that her daughter was on bedrest due to a difficult pregnancy and people were coming in to help her daughter. The property owner said she was not allowed to have guests come and go. The complainant left the home and moved into a unit with her daughter and husband. The property owner claimed there were too many children in the unit and she was harming the property. A complaint has been filed with HUD Fair Housing Office.
- Complaint is an elderly, disabled female who is losing her sight. She had family coming into and out of the unit to take care of her as well as nurses and other medical professionals. The complainant explained that she will need caregivers and medical professionals to be in her house, the property owners stated she works in the medical field and has never heard anything so absurd. The property owner told her guests could not stay more than two hours per visit. The property owner also began to place restrictions on the complainant about taking the trash out in certain way, dealing with insects and pests, and times people may visit. The property owner called the police on the tenant and guests multiple times claiming they were unwanted on the property. The property owner also reported to the housing authority that the tenant had unauthorized guests living in the apartment, the housing authority states they will be sending a voucher termination letter to the complainant. The complainant has moved from the unit and is living with her nephew temporarily until the situation is resolved. Staff helped file a case with HUD Fair

Housing and will refer the complainant to Legal Action Wisconsin if the voucher is terminated.

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

- See above.

COMPLAINT UPDATE:

- The complainant is a black, Hispanic, female with one child in the home. The house has major mold issues and the property owner keeps stating they have fixed the issue. CP says the property owner ignores her calls. Staff helped CP draft a repair demand letter and connected the CP to the health department. CP said LL came out after the letter and has contractors doing estimates and getting ready to fix the leaking roof and windows. CP also referred the landlord to the Weatherization Program, which is now in process.

COMPLAINTS RESOLVED/CLOSED:

None

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.

The City of Racine is seeking input from the general public and local stakeholders on the City's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice(AI), which will govern the use of Federal funds that the City receives from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) over the next five years. The City welcomes feedback from all residents and community members to inform the plan with key local knowledge.

Staff will be completing special outreach with the AAHRC members and AAHRC will be reviewing the AI Plan before it is submitted to Common Council.