

FAIR HOUSING

City of Racine Fair Housing November 2019 Activity Report

*TOTAL # OF INTAKES: 1

*CALL-INS / WALK-INS: 12

ASSESSED / REFERRED: 18

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

- 0 calls from outside Racine.

MEDIA INTERVIEW:

- None

PRESENTATION/COMMUNITY EVENTS:

- Attended Unlearning Racism, Thursday, November 14, 2019 – A six part class through the YWCA of Milwaukee and Racine.
- Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice Outreach
 - a. Staff of Hospitality Center – Friday, November 1, 2019
 - b. NAMI, Interim Executive Director – Wednesday, November 6, 2019
 - c. HALO Executive Director – Wednesday, November 13, 2019
 - d. Kenosha and Racine Urban League Executive Director – Monday, November 18, 2019
 - e. Community member – Wednesday, November 20, 2019
 - f. HADC, First Choice Pre-Apprentice Program Director – Monday, November 25, 2019
 - g. Human Resources – Tuesday, November 26, 2019

*These outreach meetings are ongoing, Neighborhood Services Division staff will be reaching out to groups for input into the plans.
- Women's Resource Center, Tuesday, November 12, 2019, Fair Housing and Housing Search – six people attended.

Investigations Conducted:

- Complainant is a single African-American, Disabled, and Female, who is applying for project based subsidized housing. She was denied due to a past eviction, but felt it was discrimination because her friend got in with a very similar record. Staff met with the complainant and reviewed her housing history and application. They also called the manager of the complex to find out further information; the complainant had missed multiple appointments and was denied for that reason. Staff helped the complainant get back on the waitlist and be called for the next available apartment. The complainant is residing with a family member at the moment.

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

- See above.

COMPLAINT UPDATE:

- The complainant is a black female with one child in the home. The property manager sent out a rent increase letter with conflicting information and amounts rent would increase. The complainant brought the letter into staff; in turn, staff helped draft a letter to the property manager to clarify the rent increase letter. The manager responded immediately after the complainant sent the letter, clarified the situation, and increased rent by \$25, as

opposed to the \$150 increase. The complainant signed a year lease with the property manager at the new rate.

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.