FAIR HOUSING

City of Racine Fair Housing January 2021 Activity Report

*TOTAL # OF INTAKES: 0 *CALL-INS / WALK-INS: 9 ASSESSED / REFERRED: 17	
Dept. of Ag. Trade & Cons. Prot.	2
Environmental Health Department	3
Building Department	1
Racine Fire Department	0
Clerk of Courts (Small Claims)	0
Housing Authority	0
Legal Action of Wisconsin	5
Tenant Resource Center	0
ELCA Outreach Center	0
WI Bar Association	0
Neighborhood Watch/COP House	1
Housing Resources Inc.	0
HOPES Center	0
St. Vincent De Paul	1
Salvation Army	0
Energy Assistance	0
HALO	0
Racine Kenosha Community Action	0
Lutheran Social Services	0
Here 2 Help	3
Affordable Housing Resources List	1
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:

• One call from outside Racine: Mt. Pleasant (1)

MEDIA INTERVIEW:

None

PRESENTATION/COMMUNITY EVENTS:

• None

Investigations Conducted:

• Complainant is a single, black, female, with three children. She has located a new unit and wants to move, the conditions of her current unit are not good. The property owner refuses to sign her Certificate of Good Standing in order to release her housing voucher. The caller stated the Housing Authority is not willing to work with her on this situation. Staff referred the call to Legal Action of Wisconsin.

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

• None.

COMPLAINT UPDATE:

• Complainant is a married, white female with two children. CP and her husband both lost their jobs due to COVID, they applied and received help from the WRAP program, but still needed more assistance to get caught up on back rent owed. Staff referred the case to Here to Help, who referred the case to LSS. Here to Help also referred to other programs (Workforce Development, Emergency Assistance, and Energy Assistance). The husband has obtained new employment and back rent should be covered. This family will remain in their home.

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 Federal Eviction Moratorium has been extended until January 31, 2021, also congress has allocated \$25Billion for rental assistance (details will be forthcoming).

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.