

FAIR HOUSING

City of Racine Fair Housing September 2021 Activity Report

*TOTAL # OF INTAKES: 0
*CALL-INS / WALK-INS: 31
ASSESSED / REFERRED: 40

Dept. of Ag. Trade & Cons. Prot.	3
Environmental Health Department	1
Building Department (RENTS)	9
Racine Fire Department	1
Clerk of Courts (Small Claims)	0
Housing Authority	1
Legal Action of Wisconsin	8
Tenant Resource Center	4
ELCA Outreach Center	0
WI Bar Association	1
Neighborhood Watch/COP House	2
Housing Resources Inc./FEC	1
HOPES Center	0
St. Vincent De Paul	0
Salvation Army	0
Energy Assistance	0
HALO	0
Racine Kenosha Community Action	3
Lutheran Social Services	0
Here 2 Help	3
Affordable Housing Resources List	4
AA/HRC Complaint Racine	0
HUD Discrimination Referral	1
HUD Nondiscrimination Referral	0
Discrimination ERD Referral	0
Investigated	1
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:

- Three calls from outside Racine: Caledonia (2), Kenosha (1)

MEDIA INTERVIEW:

- None

PRESENTATION/COMMUNITY EVENTS:

- None

Investigations Conducted:

- Complainant is a single, African-American, Hispanic female with three children. CP has an emotional support animal, which she brought in without notifying the property management. CP received a 14-day notice for lease violations and wanted to make sure her ESA may stay and the notice of lease termination be rescinded. Staff also referred this case to Legal Action because of the timely nature of the case.

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

- None.

COMPLAINT UPDATE:

- Complainant was a single, black male who moved into a unit to be the caretaker of his mother. His grandmother moved into assisted living because she could no longer care for his mother. The management company said they would not renew the lease because the mother did not make enough money. The CP stated he would cosign and would like to have the grandmother removed from the lease. Management stated they would not change the lease in the middle and since the mother did not have enough money to pay the rent, she would receive a 28-day notice. Staff helped draft a letter explaining the issues and requesting a reasonable accommodation to amend the lease and allow both the mother and her son to stay as her caretaker. Management allowed the son to remain as a care taker and removed the grandmother from the lease.

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 vacated by the Supreme Court.

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.