

Commission on Human Rights

The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights invites you to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by attending the 7th Annual Kentucky Hispanic, Immigrant and Refugee Networking Summit, October 12 in Frankfort

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The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights is celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month by presenting the 7th Annual Kentucky Hispanic, Immigrant and Refugee Networking Summit

Join the commission at this informative event, which will be held on Friday, October 12, from 9:30 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time) to 4 p.m. at the Kentucky State University Research and Demonstration Farm. The farm is located at 1525 Mills Lane, in Frankfort, Ky. Registration is free and begins at 9 a.m.

Directions: From I-64, get off at Exit 53 and take 127 South. Mills Lane is on the left, about 3.5 miles from I-64.

From Blue Grass Parkway, get off at the exit to 127 North, toward Frankfort. Mills Lane is on the right side, about 10 miles from the parkway.

Inform the commission by October 10, if possible, that you plan to attend the free event. RSVP by contacting Kentucky Commission on Human Rights Representative Juan Peña at telephone number 1.800.292.5566 or 502.595.4024. Ask for extension number 47. Or contact Mr. Peña by email at juan.pena@ky.gov.

Who should attend?

Federal, state, and local governments, immigrant centers, private and non-profit groups, colleges, universities, and anyone interested in working with the Hispanic community and all other Kentucky immigrant communities of which there are several are invited as well as all members of the legislature and the public. People representing all Kentucky immigrants and refugees of all nationalities are welcome! Don't miss this unique, informative and networking opportunity. Please come prepared with business cards and materials.

Since 2005, the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights has been hosting this statewide networking summit every year to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month, which is September 15 through October 15, and uses the opportunity to foster mutual understanding and increase communication and collaboration between the federal, state, local government, and educational institutions and the immigrant and refugee communities of Kentucky. Attendees have included directors of immigrant and refugee organizations, representatives from Hispanic and other immigrant media outlets, immigrant educators and entrepreneurs from across Kentucky.

This program has proven very successful. It provides an opportunity to meet over 150 individuals with great knowledge of the growing immigrant and refugee populations.

Speakers for this summit are directors from Latino/Community centers, Hispanic educators and entrepreneurs, Kentucky refugee agencies, members of the immigrant media in Kentucky and representatives from federal, state and local government agencies. Topics will include housing, employment, education, business and others.

The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights is proud to acknowledge its cosponsors for this event including the Kentucky State University, the Lexington Fair Housing Council and the Kentucky Dept. of Education.

The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights is the state government authority that protects people from discrimination and enforces the Kentucky Civil Rights Act and other laws that make discrimination illegal.

The Kentucky Civil Rights Act protects people in the areas of housing, employment, public accommodations and financial transactions. In Kentucky, people are protected from discrimination based on their race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age – 40 years-old in employment, disability, tobacco-smoking status in employment, and familial status in housing, which protects families with pregnant women and children under age 18 years-old.

For help with discrimination, to make a discrimination complaint, or for free literature and more information, contact the commission at 1.800.292.5566. Visit the website at www.kchr.ky.gov. From there, visit the commission Facebook and Twitter sites.