

Commission on Human Rights

Attend KY Human Rights Commission and partners Fair Housing Conference and Fair Housing Month Proclamation Signing

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The Kentucky Human Rights Commission, Kentucky State University, the Lexington Fair Housing Council, the Kentucky Fair Housing Task Force and the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will present two special fair housing programs on Tuesday, April 9, in Frankfort, Ky. Both programs are free and open to the public.

The first is the presentation of the Kentucky Fair Housing Month Proclamation by the office of the Governor, accompanied by Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes. It will be held from 11 to 11:45 a.m. (EDT) in the state Capitol Rotunda, 700 Capital Avenue.

The signing will include remarks by commission Executive Director John J. Johnson, HUD Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Region IV Director Natasha Watson and Kentucky Housing Corporation Chief Executive Officer Richard McQuady.

The second program is a Fair Housing Conference. It will be from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Cooperative Extension Building of Kentucky State University, 400 East Main Street.

The conference will feature speakers from HUD, the Lexington Fair Housing Council, the Kentucky Disabilities Coalition and others. Come and share your ideas about fair housing and learn the latest information on how laws can affect everyone who seeks, sells or rents housing.

Speakers are expected to be University President Mary Evans Sias, Commission Executive Director John J. Johnson, U. S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD, HUD Kentucky Field Office Field Office Director Krista Mills, and Kentucky Housing Corporation Deputy General Counsel Karen Quinn.

Planned is a Fair Housing panel with Kentucky Disabilities Coalition Executive Director Sharon Fields, Metropolitan Housing Coalition Executive Director Cathy Hinko, and Fairness Coalition Director Chris Hartman.

To reserve a place at the housing conference, please contact Juan Peña at the Kentucky Human Rights Commission at 1.800.292.5566 or send an email to Juan.Pena@ky.gov.

During April, the state human rights commission, local commissions and Kentucky fair housing partners will conduct training and events in the state to raise awareness and provide compliance education about the Kentucky and U.S. Fair Housing acts.

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housing families with children under the age of 18 years old and it protects women who are pregnant. It is against the law to retaliate against any person who makes a discrimination complaint to the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights. For help with discrimination or for more information, contact the commission at 1.800.292.5566. The TDD number is 502.595.4084.