

# Commission on Human Rights

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State housing advocate organizations will honor the U.S. and Kentucky Fair Housing Month of April with a guided bus tour through the Kentucky town of Shelbyville. The tour will provide participants the opportunity to review the history of the community and the effects of segregation.

The event is sponsored by the, Lexington Fair Housing Council, Kentucky Commission on Human Rights, Kentucky Housing Corporation, Centro Latino, and the Shelby County Historical Society.

The "Get on the Bus Tour, The Path toward Equal Housing Opportunities" will be on Tuesday, April 21, from 12:30 to 4 p.m. (EDT). It will begin at the Shelby County Public Library, which is located at 309 Eighth Street, Shelbyville, Ky., 40065. The public is invited to this free, educational activity. Register online at [www.lexingtonfairhousing.com](http://www.lexingtonfairhousing.com). For more information, contact Arthur Crosby at 866.438.8617 or email [crosbylfhc@hotmail.com](mailto:crosbylfhc@hotmail.com). This is a free event and pre-registration is required due to limited seating.

This year commemorates the 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U.S. Fair Housing Act as well as the Kentucky Fair Housing Act, both of which were passed in 1968. Because of these laws, it is illegal to discriminate against people about their housing regardless of their race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability or whether there are women who are pregnant or children under the age of 18 in the household.

The federal act was the result of nation-wide campaigns against housing discrimination. President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the U.S. Fair Housing Act into law soon after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated.

In Kentucky, Kentucky House Representative Mae Street Kidd, Senator Georgia Davis Powers and Representative Hughes McGill worked together to introduce the Kentucky Fair Housing Act to the Kentucky General Assembly. The fair housing law was passed in 1968 and amended the

Kentucky Civil Rights Act (Kentucky Revised Statutes, Chapter 344). The law made Kentucky the first southern state to enact a state fair housing law.

The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights is the state government authority that enforces the Kentucky Civil Rights Act. It enforces the United States Civil Rights Act through its affiliations with the United States Dept. of Housing and Urban Development and the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. These laws prohibit discrimination.