

Kentucky Commission on Human Rights

KY Human Rights Commission will hold two free housing anti-discrimination trainings to inform people of their legal rights to fair housing and to teach housing providers, financial lenders, and property advertisers how to comply with the Kentucky Fair Housing law

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For help with discrimination, contact commission headquarters: 1.800.292.5566

As part of recognition of the annual Fair Housing Month of April 2016, the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights is pleased to offer in collaboration with the Lexington Fair Housing Council, two free fair housing trainings during April.

The first will be at 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time), on April 22, at the Clark County Cooperative Extension Office, 1400 Fortune Drive, in Winchester, Ky., 40391.

The training is offered to housing providers, leasing agents, social service providers, and all others interested, including people who would like to learn about their legal rights to the housing of their choice. In addition to covering federal, state, and local fair housing law, focus will be given to reasonable accommodations and modifications for qualified individuals with a disability. Officials will also describe the discrimination complaint process of the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights. To register for this event, please email to Juan Pena at Juan.pena@ky.gov, or call him at the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights at 502.566.9955.

Training will be provided from 1 to 3 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time) at the Pulaski County Cooperative Extension Office, 28 Parkway Drive, in Somerset, Ky., 42503.

The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights is the state government authority that enforces the Kentucky Civil Rights Act (Kentucky Revised Statutes Chapter 344), and, through its affiliations with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, enforces federal civil rights laws.

The Kentucky Civil Rights Act makes it unlawful to discriminate against people in the areas of employment, financial transactions, housing and public accommodations. Discrimination is prohibited in the aforementioned areas based on race, color, religion, national origin, gender, and disability. In employment, discrimination is further prohibited on the basis of age (40-years and over) and on the basis of tobacco-smoking status. In housing, discrimination is further prohibited based on familial status,

which protects people with children in the household under the age of 18-years old, and it protects women who are pregnant. It is also a violation of the law to retaliate against a person for complaining of discrimination to the commission.

For help with discrimination or ask the commission to file a discrimination complaint for you, contact the commission at 1.800.292.5566. For information about the commission and civil rights, visit the website at www.kchr.ky.gov

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