



Commonwealth of Kentucky

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Visit the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights state fair exhibit to learn about protection from discrimination, receive pencils and bookmarks for students

LOUISVILLE – The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights has an exhibit at the Kentucky State Fair all this week until the close of the fair on Sunday, Aug. 28. Find us in the South Wing “Main Street” aisle of the Freedom Hall Exhibition Center.

Experts will be on hand to help people begin the process of filing a discrimination complaint for those who believe they may be victims of illegal discrimination. Staff members will be pleased to explain to visitors the Kentucky laws that protect people from discrimination.

The exhibit this year focuses on the right to fair housing. The commission received for this from the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The commission is a partner of HUD and therefore enforces the U.S. Fair Housing Act in addition to enforcing the Kentucky Fair Housing Law of the Kentucky Civil Rights Act.

Exhibit staff will be pleased to explain to visitors the legal protections from discrimination in the areas of employment, offices, stores, hotels, restaurants and other public accommodations, and in the area of financial credit transactions.

People can participate in fun and interesting activities that will be available at the exhibit. The Kentucky Governor’s Office provided a life-size, cut-out cardboard photo of Gov. Matt Bevin for picture-taking with visitors.

Get Kentucky Commission on Human Rights pencils and Gallery of Great Black Kentuckian bookmarks for students. Pick up civil rights posters, contact cards and Fair Housing brochures in many languages.

Have photos made with standing cardboard posters of film and animated characters such as Wreck it Ralph, Star Trek’s Captain Kirk and Spock and Star Wars characters. There is also a princess castle.

There are games for kids and grownups like "Dance- Dance Sensation" and "Toss Across". The commission is giving people handy state fair plastic carrying bags (as long as supplies last).

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.

For news about civil rights and information pertaining to protected classes, visit the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights Facebook and Twitter sites. Directly link to the sites from the commission website address listed above.