



Commonwealth of Kentucky

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Listen to a Lexington radio interview of Human Rights Executive Director J Johnson about civil rights in Kentucky

Lexington Community Radio 93.9 FM Radio Show, "Heroes of the 859 (area code)" in Lexington, Kentucky, April 1, 2017, interviewed Kentucky Commission on Human Rights Executive Director John J. Johnson about the work of the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights, Mr. Johnson's work in civil rights, and about civil and human rights in Kentucky. The interview was conducted by the program's host, Lexington Souers.

Listen to the radio interview here: <https://soundcloud.com/lexington-communit.../heroes-of-the-859>

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.

A person who believes he or she may be a victim of illegal discrimination should contact the commission and ask to file a discrimination complaint. The commission investigates, mediates, reaches settlement-type agreements called conciliation agreements, and rules and issues final orders on complaints with the authority of a court of law.

The Kentucky Civil Rights Act makes it unlawful to discriminate against people in the areas of employment, financial credit transactions, housing and public accommodations. Discrimination is prohibited in these 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 reporting or alleging discrimination.

For help with discrimination or to make a discrimination complaint, contact the commission at 800.292.5566. The commission also provides civil rights compliance or awareness training to employers, housing providers, organizations, and community groups. 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 or Twitter sites.