

HOME's Fair Housing Classes for Consumers 2016-2017

Housing Opportunities Made Equal, a nationally recognized non-profit fair housing agency, offers a wide variety of courses for consumers concerning their fair housing rights. Choose from this summary of class offerings or contact HOME to have a customized course developed for your clients or your staff. HOME's education and outreach staff will present at your preferred site at no cost. For details, call Chloe Gersten at 513-977-2623 or email chloe.gersten@homecincy.org.

Course Descriptions for Consumers and Agency Staff

Fair Housing Basics for Rental Properties: This course welcomes any consumer or agency staff team who needs to know the general fair housing rights of people who are renting or would like to rent and how they can get help if their rights are denied. Each participant will learn about general fair housing compliance and landlord-tenant law as it applies to rental properties. This is a great class to learn about fair housing basics and how to avoid possible discrimination in advertising, tenant screening and selection, leasing and the termination of tenants. It reviews current changes with the laws and how they impact the landlord's relationship with applicants/tenants. This class is great for the general consumer and agency staff members who serve clients that are in rental situations.

Understanding the Fair Housing Rights of People with Disabilities: This class is a must for anyone who is a person with a disability. The rights of people with disabilities in rental and sales are unique and can be confusing for the consumer, housing provider, and agency staff member who may be assisting their client with housing issues. Statistics reveal that the majority of fair housing violations occur with this protected class. Learn about how to handle and avoid many common things that may come up for applicants and residents concerning parking requests, companion/service animals, live-in caretakers, reasonable accommodation and modification requests, evictions, and much more. This class is great for both the consumer and agency staff members who may be serving people with disabilities in rental housing.

Fair Housing Class for Case Managers in working with People with Disabilities: This course is designed as a three credit hour class for social workers. It deals with understanding the Fair Housing laws that cover people with disabilities and how the case manager of people with disabilities can ensure their clients get their fair housing rights. This course is free and in partnership with the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) who will issue the three-free credit hours. Agency providers can sign up their team of 15 or more people and have the class scheduled just for their staff members.