

Emerging Issues Concerning the LGBTQ and Returning Citizens Communities

2 Day Summit Proposed Agenda

American Red Cross (2111 Dana Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45207)

Day #1: open to all

Tuesday, October 10

Time	Activity	
8:30 – 9:00 AM	Registration/Breakfast	
9:00 – 9:15 AM	Welcome/Overview of Event	
9:15 – 10:15 AM	<p><i>Understanding Fair Housing Rights</i></p> <p>This opening plenary session will feature a panel of fair housing and social justice experts who will give an overview of the unique housing needs of returning citizens, the LGBTQ persons and the community as a whole.</p>	
10:30 – 11:30 AM	<p><i>Race, Housing, and Criminal Records</i></p> <p>The panel will discuss the housing opportunities and challenges of the returning citizen in the housing market. The increase in incarceration rates in the United States over the past two decades has had sweeping consequences.</p>	<p><i>LGBTQ Housing Rights</i></p> <p>The panel will discuss the housing opportunities and challenges of the LGBTQ community. The Fair Housing Act does not specifically include sexual orientation and gender identity as prohibited bases. However, discrimination against a lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender (LGBT) person may be covered by the Fair Housing Act if it is based on non-conformity with gender stereotypes. For example, if a housing provider refuses to rent to an LGBT person because he believes the person acts in a manner that does not conform to his notion of how a person of a sex should act, the person may pursue the matter as a violation of the Fair Housing Act’s prohibition of sex.</p>
11:30 – 12:30 PM	Lunch & Agency Information Tables	
12:45 – 1:45 PM	<p><i>Creative Solutions for Housing</i></p> <p>Housing providers and community development professionals will lead a discussion on the importance of creative initiatives to foster homeownership, equitable rental models and financial literacy.</p>	<p><i>Resource Exchange</i></p> <p>Open format session designed to encourage resource sharing, scenario discussions and best practices focused on the housing needs the LGBTQ community and the needs of Returning citizens.</p>

2:00 – 3:15 PM	<p data-bbox="440 92 1430 163"><i>Emerging Issues Focus – How Cincinnati’s Affordable Housing Problems Impacts All Communities</i></p> <p data-bbox="440 205 1458 346">A recent study conducted by the LISC-Cincinnati and the Community Building Institute showed that Hamilton County has a 40,000-unit deficit in affordable housing. This deficit impacts communities in several interconnected ways. This panel will review the most recent research and share ideas about solutions.</p>
3:15 – 3:30 PM	Evaluation/Adjourn

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Day #2: open to all

Wednesday, October 11

Time	Activity
8:30 – 9:00 AM	Registration/Breakfast
9:00 – 9:15 AM	Welcome/Overview of Event
9:15 – 10:30 AM	<p><i>50 Years of the Fair Housing Act – Looking Ahead</i></p> <p>The Fair Housing Act turns 50 in 2018. This panel will discuss some of the key accomplishments of the Act so far and how the challenges that remain impact a community’s ability to thrive.</p>
10:45 – 12:15 PM	<p><i>Best Practices in Fair Housing</i></p> <p>The Department of Housing and Urban Development sometimes issues guidance around best practices in housing that apply to many housing transactions. This panel will discuss some of the leading- edge guidance and how to know your rights and responsibilities.</p>
12:15 – 12:30 PM	Lunch
12:45 – 1:45 PM	<p><i>Overcoming Implicit Bias</i></p> <p>Implicit bias refers to the attitudes or stereotypes that affect our understanding, actions, and decisions in an unconscious manner. These biases, which encompass both favorable and unfavorable assessments, are activated involuntarily and without an individual’s awareness or intentional control. This workshop will explore how implicit bias may be implicated in fair housing and how to combat it.</p>
2:00 – 3:15 PM	<p><i>Building Positive Partnerships Between Landlords, Tenants, and Service Agencies</i></p> <p>We will close HOME’s Emerging issues in Fair Housing Summit with a panel of professionals that partner to make full housing choice a reality. We’ll learn for them how strategic partnerships can benefit all protected classes.</p>
3:15 – 3:30 PM	Evaluation/Adjourn – Happy Hour hosted at other location