



HOUSING EQUALITY BEGINS AT HOME

Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME) is a private, nonprofit fair housing agency serving the greater Cincinnati area. HOME's mission is to eliminate unlawful discrimination in housing. HOME advocates and enforces housing regulations for all protected classes and promotes stable, integrated communities.

What is Fair Housing?

The federal Fair Housing Act prohibits housing discrimination based on **race, color, national origin, religion, sex/gender, family status** and **disability**. State and local jurisdictions may extend protections beyond what is guaranteed at the federal level.



Enforcement Program

HOME's dedicated staff will uphold fair housing laws. Our Fair Housing Specialists assist people who believe they may be victims of illegal housing discrimination. HOME helps clients gather evidence and discuss enforcement options, including mediation, filing an administrative complaint with HUD, or legal action.

TESTING

One of the essential tools fair housing advocacy groups use to uncover illegal discrimination is testing. Testing involves creating simulations of housing transactions to discover violations or unlawful practices across the Cincinnati area.

How can HOME help?

- Recording the facts about what happened
- Investigating and helping to resolve concerns
- Offering advice and counsel about enforcement options

Tenant Advocacy Program



HOME works with people experiencing difficulty maintaining rental housing for reasons ranging from lack of resources to tenant-landlord issues. The Tenant Advocacy Program works to stabilize families in their homes and prevent a loss of housing. HOME's Tenant Advocates provide information on housing rights and Ohio Landlord-Tenant Law, give objective advice, and advocate for clients.



Bilingual staff works with landlords and tenants to resolve issues caused by language barriers or cultural differences.

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Nuestra oficina ofrece servicios gratuitos y confidenciales a personas que creen que han sido víctimas de discriminación ilegal en materia de vivienda.

HOUSING MEDIATION SERVICES

HOME co-sponsors Housing Mediation Services, which provides free, professional mediation for landlords, tenants, or neighbors. The goal is to reach an agreement that the affected parties create together.



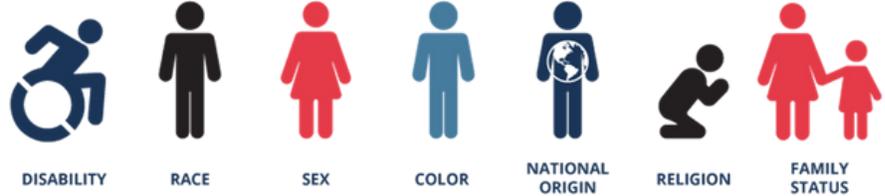
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Education and Outreach Program



HOME offers various courses for housing providers, consumers, and case managers. Our staff will customize a class based your client's or staff's needs and interests. HOME covers topics including fair housing rights, tenant-landlord law, prohibited tactics/policies in housing, implicit bias, accommodation or modification requests, support animals, and much more!

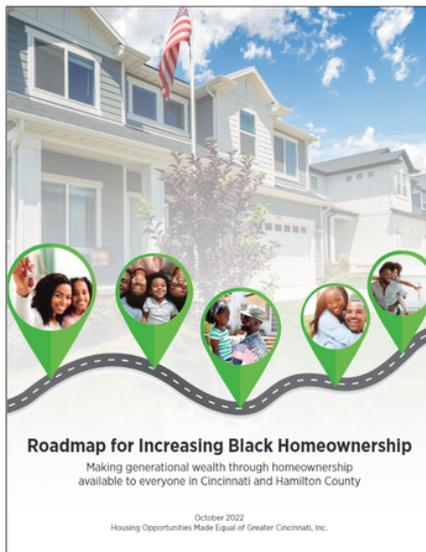


Interested in scheduling training for your group? Do you have an event you would like HOME to attend?

Contact HOME's Director of Education
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It is against the law to discriminate against any person because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status or disability. Housing discrimination violations include:

- refusal to rent or sell housing based on a protected class
- refusal to negotiate based on a protected class
- setting different terms, conditions, or privileges based on a protected class
- falsely denying that housing is available based on a protected class
- Denying any person access to, membership or participation in, any organization, facility, or service in a housing-related transaction due to a protected class
- Advertising using language that is considered discriminatory toward members of a protected class



Policy and Research Program

In addition to tenant advocacy, enforcement, and education, HOME seeks to affirmatively further fair housing through research and policy advocacy. One of our significant projects, **Roadmap for Increasing Black Homeownership**, lays out six recommendations for making generational wealth through homeownership available to everyone in Cincinnati and Hamilton County.

HOME seeks to help identify and address emerging issues related to fair housing, such as the disparate impact of criminal history in screening processes and predatory lending practices that place members of protected classes at a disadvantage. As long as housing discrimination exists, HOME will remain on the front lines.