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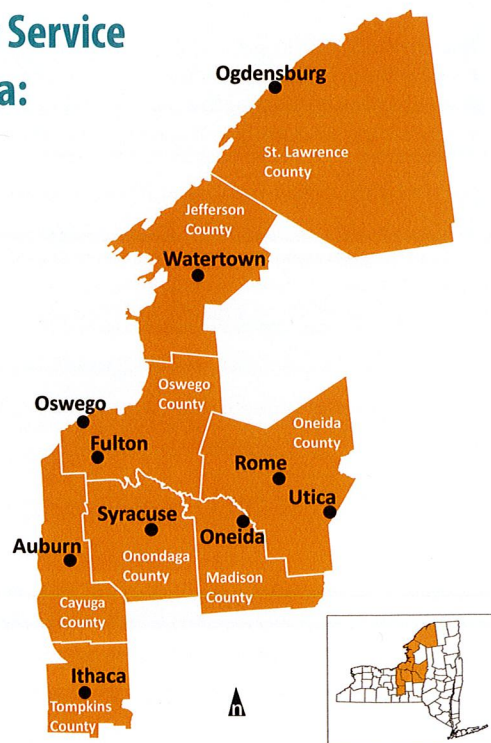
Become a Housing Tester, Volunteer or Supporter! Housing Testers are like secret shoppers for fair housing and help gather evidence of discriminatory practices. Volunteers and Supporters can help with research, events, donations and more. If you think you might be interested in attending a Housing Tester training or want to help some other way, contact us at (315) 471-0420 or info@cnyfairhousing.org.

Fair Housing is Your Right. Use It!

The solution to housing discrimination starts with you! If you think you have been discriminated against in buying, renting or financing a home or apartment, or have witnessed unfair treatment, REPORT IT!

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Our Service Area:



CNY Fair Housing is a private, non-profit organization founded in 1991, dedicated to eliminating housing discrimination, promoting open communities and ensuring equal access to housing opportunity for all people in Central and Northern New York. The organization, based in Syracuse, New York, provides:

ENFORCEMENT AND LITIGATION

Investigates rental, sales, insurance and financing complaints and provides free legal representation to victims of illegal housing discrimination.

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Trains housing professionals, service providers and individuals and families on Fair Housing rights and responsibilities and how to identify illegal behavior.

RESEARCH AND CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

Produces reports for planning purposes including Assessments of Fair Housing, makes policy recommendations and performs self-monitoring investigations and testing for housing providers and property owners.



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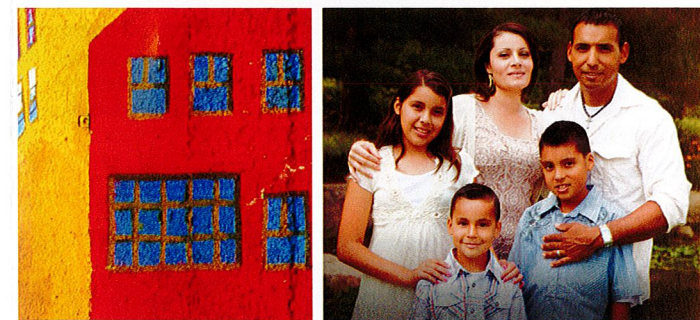
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WHAT IS FAIR HOUSING?



What is Fair Housing?

Fair Housing is the right to choose housing free from unlawful discrimination. Federal, state and local Fair Housing laws protect people from discrimination in housing transactions such as rentals, sales, lending and insurance. It is illegal to discriminate in housing transactions against "protected classes" of people. **Protected classes, as covered by fair housing laws include:**

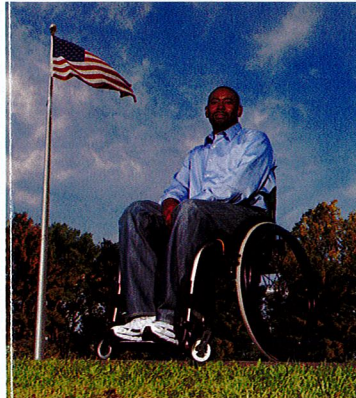
United States:

Race
Color
National Origin
Religion
Sex (Gender)
Familial Status
Disability

New York State:

Marital Status
Age
Military Status
Sexual
Orientation

City of Syracuse:
Gender Identity



In the U.S., Fair Housing Laws make it unlawful to:

Discriminate in terms, conditions, privileges or services, such as steering people to certain neighborhoods or apartment complexes based on their race or charging higher fees or security deposits.

Refuse to rent, sell, or negotiate.

Make, print or publish discriminatory statements or advertisements, such as ads which state: "no children," "adults preferred," "mature couples only" or oral statements like "We don't want children on the second floor."

Make false representations about the availability of dwellings.

Interfere, coerce, or intimidate: Against or in retaliation of those exercising a fair housing right or those aiding others in exercising their fair housing rights or against a protected class of residents, visitors or associates.

Discriminate when providing financing, such as charging more points, higher interest rates, offering different terms or steering to a particular loan product based on a person's protected class like race or gender.

Discriminate in the provision of homeowner's insurance, such as applying different terms and conditions based on the applicant's membership in a protected class or because the home for which the insurance is sought is in a racially or ethnically diverse neighborhood (redlining).

Refuse to make a reasonable accommodation for a person with a disability or modification to a dwelling or common area if necessary for a person with a disability to have full use of the housing.

Build new multi-family housing that fails to meet design and construction requirements.

What Happens When Making a Complaint:

