

The Fair Housing Center of Southeast & Mid Michigan (FHC)

The mission of the Fair Housing Center is to end housing discrimination and promote accessible, integrated communities. We do this by enforcing federal, state, and local fair housing laws through testing, investigation, advocacy, attorney referral, and community education. Founded in 1992 as the Fair Housing Center of Washtenaw County, we have since expanded to serve 10 counties across the region.

While housing discrimination and residential segregation stubbornly persist in our region and across the country, our work has made a significant impact in attaining justice for housing discrimination victims and holding perpetrators accountable. FHC investigations and subsequent legal challenges have resulted in:

- **500,000+** housing units opened to previously excluded populations
- **4,600+** fair housing complaints investigated
- **\$3,649,000+** in recovered damages and penalties from successful lawsuits and complaints
- **200+** direct advocacy resolutions (for example, reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities)

We serve anyone who may be denied housing based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including pregnancy, parental leave, sexual harassment, victims of domestic violence or stalking), disability, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, age, marital status, and any additional classes or groups protected by local ordinances*. Still, the majority of our complainants are from the following populations: economically disadvantaged (over 85%), homeless, the LGBTQ community, people with disabilities, veterans, and families with small children. About 45% of our complainants are African-American, 45% are white, and 10% are Middle Eastern, Latino, or mixed race.

All of our services are free. To learn more about our civil rights work, visit our By The Numbers page, read through our Litigation Log, or subscribe to our Newsletter on our website: www.fhcmichigan.org.

***Additional Protected Classes under the City of Ann Arbor's Non-discrimination Ordinance:**

- Arrest record
- Educational association
- Government-issued identification card
- Genetic information
- HIV status
- Political beliefs
- Source of income
- Veteran status

