



We are advocates who stand for equality and justice and who celebrate diversity and inclusivity **for all people.** Community members can count on our reliable, knowledgeable, passionate staff to not only answer their call, but go above and beyond to help them resolve their issue.

“A child’s **course in life** should be determined **not by the zip code she’s born in”.**

President Barack Obama

Getting Help

Fair Housing Contact Service (FHCS) is a local, nonprofit, community-based organization that addresses issues of housing discrimination, tenant-landlord concerns, and provides housing counseling for home buyers and home owners. FHCS supports and encourages freedom of residence so that all persons can secure the housing they want in the neighborhood of their choice.

Fair Housing Contact Service does not provide legal advice. We provide information and education. Nothing in this brochure is intended as legal advice. Please contact an attorney for assistance if you require legal advice.



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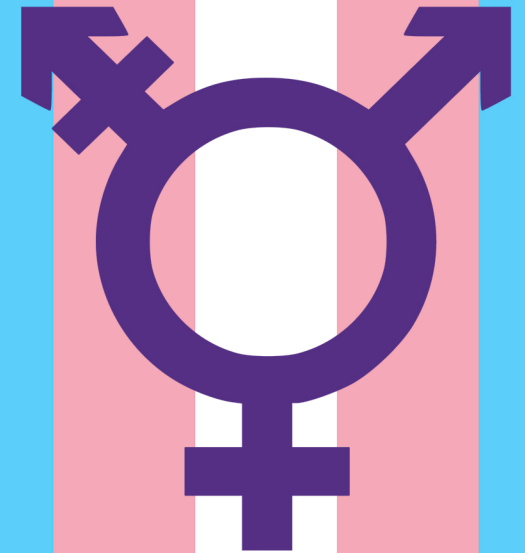
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Gender Identity Housing Rights

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Striving to prevent and eliminate housing discrimination and to promote equal housing opportunity.

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deserves a place
to call home.

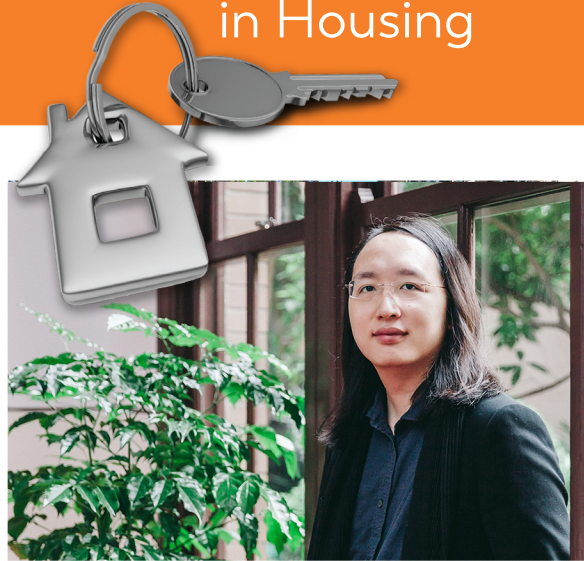
Where you live is the foundation of your life. It could influence where your children go to school, as well as your access to healthy food choices, nearby healthcare facilities and leisure activities like parks and community events — just to name a few.

Regardless of your gender identity/expression, you and your loved ones have a right to live where you want to live and to have a place to call home. However, housing discrimination based on gender identity/expression is still widespread.

Fortunately, there are laws in place to help you. But they can be complicated and are everchanging.

- Learn how to recognize discrimination
- Know your rights
- Get help from people who know the law

Gender Stereotyping in Housing



Fair Housing Laws & Gender Identity

The prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex under the Fair Housing Act may be interpreted to include sex stereotyping which impacts gender identity/expression.

Local Protections

Some states, and a multitude of cities and counties across the country, prohibit housing discrimination on the basis of gender identity.

Sexual orientation and gender identity/expression are currently protected in the cities of Akron, Canton, and Kent, Ohio. More municipalities are adding protections regularly, so please check with Fair Housing Contact Service or your local municipality for updates

HUD Equal Access Rule

Federal regulations prohibit discrimination on the basis of gender/identity expression, sexual orientation, or marital status in all federally funded housing programs. Examples of federally funded housing programs include subsidized housing, the Housing Choice Voucher Program and FHA Mortgage.

Additionally, single-sex emergency shelters or transitional housing that receive federal funding are required to assign housing placement according to the recipients self-determined gender identity. Inquires regarding a person's sex could be considered discriminatory.



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