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Center Files Redlining Suit Against Liberty Bank

In October, the Center and the **National Consumer Law Center** filed a federal lawsuit against Liberty Bank, alleging that the bank has violated the Fair Housing Act by "redlining" predominantly African-American and Latinx neighborhoods in the greater Hartford and New Haven regions.

Read more about the Liberty Bank case.
View media coverage of the Liberty Bank case.

Support the Center on Giving Tuesday!

Today is Giving Tuesday, the global day of giving at the start of the holiday season. We hope you'll consider including the Center in your giving this year, because where you live affects everything else.

With your support, we can provide legal help to more clients like Latisha (pictured). After Latisha's landlord refused to repair the mold- and pest-infested Norwalk apartment she shared with her son - whose medical issues were worsened by the environment - the Center helped to move the family's housing choice voucher to Stamford, where they were able to find

a safe, clean apartment. "If it weren't for the Center's advocacy, I don't know where we'd be," says Latisha.

Click here to make your #GivingTuesday donation to the Center . **Thank you!**
Learn how to support the Center every time you shop on Amazon this holiday season.

Upcoming Forums on Mixed Populations in State-Funded Housing

In 2017, the state legislature requested a study of state-funded housing complexes that provide housing to both elderly tenants and younger tenants with disabilities. Next week, the Center is partnering with the CT Department of Housing to host three **community forums** around the state where they will present the findings of the study.
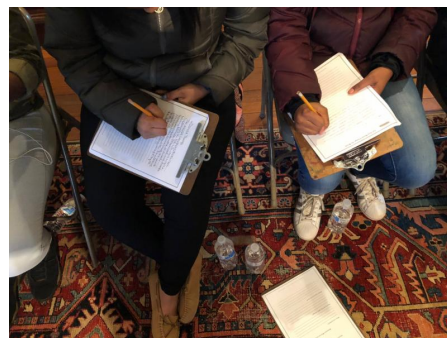
Myth vs. Reality:
Mixing Populations in State-Funded Elderly/Disabled Housing

Presenting a study by:
Connecticut Fair Housing Center   CONNECTICUT Department of Housing

Learn more and RSVP for the forum in your area : **www.ctfairhousing.org/register**

Students Learn about Fair Housing

The Center continues to reach out to youth across Connecticut to ensure that the next generation understands their fair housing rights and the history behind housing discrimination and segregation .

Earlier this month, we partnered with the **Harriet Beecher Stowe Center** and Middletown High School on a "Writing for Social Justice" project. We toured the Stowe House, explored the impact of racial discrimination past and present, and talked about how where we live affects every part of our lives. The day ended with students having time to reflect and write. (Interested in planning a similar project for your school? **Let us know!**)

The Center also worked with first-year Trinity College students in the Fall 2018 Community Action Gateway course, "Envisioning Social Change." The students first attended our **Fair Housing Tour of Hartford** to learn more about how discriminatory policies and practices shaped the city, then interviewed staff to create a video about the Center's work. Check out their final project video below:

Investigating Access to Affordable Housing in Southern CT

The Center recently received grants from the **Community Foundation for Greater New Haven** and **Fairfield County's Community Foundation** to investigate access to affordable housing in the two regions.

This new funding will enable the Center to investigate how income-restricted housing is marketed and made available to people of color across both regions and whether discriminatory policies and practices are preventing people of color and families with children from accessing affordable housing in towns with high performing schools, employment opportunities, and safe outdoor spaces. The project will also include education and outreach to ensure that area residents know their fair housing rights. The Center is grateful for for the foundations' support.

This work is an expansion of a project the Center completed in the greater Hartford region in 2017 . Watch future newsletters for an update!

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