



## Help Us Open Doors in Connecticut

*“Everything changed after the Center  
got involved.” —Towanna R., West Haven*



### About Housing Discrimination

In Connecticut, it is illegal to discriminate in housing based on race, color, national origin, sex, ancestry, religion, family status or presence of children, mental or physical disability, marital status, age, sexual orientation, legal source of income (i.e., refusal to accept housing vouchers), gender identity or expression.

#### KEY FACTS:

- According to nationwide research, 2 million+ instances of housing discrimination occur each year, but 4 out of 5 victims do not report it.
- Disability discrimination is the most-reported type of housing discrimination in Connecticut, followed by source of income and family status.
- In tests by the Center, as many as 75% of Black renters experienced housing discrimination compared with similarly-qualified White renters.
- Discrimination perpetuates the high levels of economic & racial segregation in Connecticut.



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Working to ensure  
that all people  
in Connecticut  
have equal access  
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## Who We Are

The Connecticut Fair Housing Center is a nonprofit civil rights organization working to ensure that all Connecticut residents have access to the housing opportunities of their choice, free from discrimination.

**The Center is the only full-service nonprofit fair housing organization serving the entire state of Connecticut.**

## Housing and Opportunity

Decades of research have proven that place matters. Where we live determines our access to quality schools, good jobs, healthcare, healthy food and outdoor space, and other opportunities.

Unfortunately, discrimination continues to prevent too many Connecticut residents from living where they choose.

For over 20 years, the Center has worked to fight housing discrimination in all its forms and promote more integrated, inclusive communities of opportunity across the state.

## Our Impact

*“The house had everything we needed, but the landlord wouldn’t take Section 8. The Center worked tirelessly to help us. Now, we have a lovely, safe, home. Things are one hundred percent better.”* —Natalie M., Hamden

*“The Center helped me get a loan modification that provided me with an affordable mortgage payment, which would allow me to keep my home, and a roof over my kids’ heads.”*

—Maria R., Hartford

*“When my landlord refused to make a reasonable accommodation for my service animal, I didn’t know I could fight it. Then someone told me to call the Center... Now I have my dog—he keeps me going.”* —Dawn F., Middletown



## Each Year, on Average:

**750**  
fair housing complaints are investigated by the Center’s staff

**1,000**  
Connecticut residents participate in the Center’s fair housing trainings

**1,600**  
homeowners facing foreclosure receive help from our attorneys at community events or advice tables, or through legal casework

**10,000**  
fair housing-related guides, brochures, flyers, and other educational publications are distributed across Connecticut

## What We Do

### PROTECT

- Investigate housing discrimination complaints
- Provide free legal advice and representation to victims of housing discrimination and homeowners facing foreclosure
- Conduct systemic testing and research to measure the prevalence of discrimination in Connecticut housing markets

### EDUCATE

- Provide education on the fair housing laws to residents, community organizations, housing professionals, and government agencies
- Organize foreclosure prevention events to educate struggling homeowners about their options and help save homes

### ADVOCATE

- Advocate for public policies and practices that protect equal access to housing, defend homeowners’ rights, and foster integrated, inclusive communities
- Identify and challenge discriminatory policies and practices