



DENVER METRO
FAIR HOUSING CENTER

"Promoting Fair Housing for All"

Denver Metro Fair Housing Center Member of the National Fair Housing Alliance

Who We Are

The Denver Metro Fair Housing Center (DMFHC) is a private non-profit organization established in 2012 with the support of the National Fair Housing Alliance (NFHA) with funding provided by the Office of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP) grant. DMFHC is active in six Denver Metro counties: Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, and Jefferson.

Mission

DMFHC is dedicated to eliminating housing discrimination and promoting housing choice for all people through education, advocacy, and enforcement of fair housing law.

Vision

DMFHC recognizes the importance of "home" as a component of the American dream and envisions a state and country free of housing discrimination where every individual, group, and community in Metro Denver enjoys equal housing opportunity and access in a bias free and open housing market where integrated neighborhoods are the norm, and the private and public sector guarantees civil rights in an open and barrier free community.

Fair Housing Facts/Trends

Colorado Trends - Colorado Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing 2011-2015

- 60% of respondents in a survey of affordable housing providers noted, "outreach and education about fair housing was inadequate".
- None of the respondents, "who felt they had been discriminated against were sure of their rights, nor did they know how to file a complaint".

National Trends - NFHA 2014 Fair Housing Trends Report

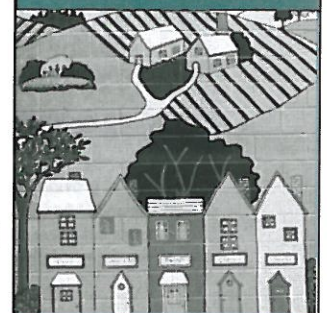
- 27,325 housing discrimination complaints were filed nationally in 2013
- Private nonprofit fair housing organizations investigated 69% of all complaints
- Complaints about discriminatory advertising, such as "no kids" or "no service animals" increased by 52%
- Complaints regarding home owners insurance up 59%
- Complaints regarding real estate sales up 19%
- Highest rates of discrimination occurred in regions with the most segregated metropolitan areas

DMFHC 2014-2015 Accomplishments

- Trainings provided to more than 352 people
- More than 1,137 PSA placements
- More than 867 brochures distributed
- 19 Home Accessibility Program modifications completed
- Released second round of Fair Housing Action Fund grants to support community projects
- Achieved 13 positive resolutions through advocacy and enforcement work
- 118 Housing discrimination complaints investigated



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Denver Metro Fair Housing Center - Services

Education/Outreach:

- **Training Seminars** – Our expertise in the complexity of fair housing laws and practices makes the DMFHC a respected source of fair housing training. We provide training seminars to home seekers and housing providers to teach home seekers their rights under fair housing laws, and help housing providers understand and meet their responsibility under fair housing law.
- **Community Outreach** – Multiple fair housing events and communication methods are used to ensure members of the housing industry, general public, home seekers, and stakeholders have access to relevant and emerging fair housing issues and trends.

Public Policy Advocacy:

- The DMFHC assists the community as a whole to see the value of neighborhood integration.
- The DMFHC promotes tools to prevent and respond to discrimination and guides local advocates in activities designed to provide equal access to housing opportunities and to make all of our communities welcoming places to live.
- The DMFHC collaborates with other housing, legal, civil rights, and community organizations to effectively advocate for fair housing. We advocate for strong local, state, and federal housing laws and policies, and work to ensure their effective implementation.

Enforcement:

- **Case Advocacy:** The DMFHC receives inquiries from people who do not have the knowledge and/or means to advocate for themselves. DMFHC will investigate claims of discrimination, conduct testing for proof of discrimination, represent complainants throughout HUD's and/or the Colorado Civil Rights Division's administrative complaint process, and refer legal counsel if litigation is required.
- **Research:** To inform our advocacy, the DMFHC researches and documents the nature and extent of housing discrimination – including the fair housing impacts of public policies in our community.
- **Testing:** The DMFHC is the region's sole source of housing discrimination testing. Testing provides a credible picture of how and if discrimination occurs using a controlled method of documenting variations in the treatment of home seekers by housing providers.

Contact us today!

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