

**Fair Housing: Accomplishing together that which we cannot accomplished alone.**



**Enhancing the lives of Central Texans is what the CTCOG is all about!**

**Central Texas Council of Governments**, proudly serves over 385,000 residents in the Central Texas area. For more information about CTCOG or how to take advantage of our services, please call, email or send us a message.

The CTCOG offers a variety of services for all counties and cities, in the region. Whether reaching out to elders in need of at-home or nursing home assistance, helping a family find a safe and affordable home, providing essential transportation planning, or keeping you safe through emergency and security programs, we serve with compassion, dedication and professionalism.

**A Glimpse of our Housing Services:**

- Low income housing programs
- Low interest home rates
- Various types of housing option
- Fair Housing Laws
- Healthcare information

**For More Information:**

Representatives from CTCOG will be available to discuss your rights in regard to Fair Housing.  
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**The Fair Housing Act**

“On April 11, 1968, one week after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., President Johnson signed the Fair Housing Act. This landmark legislation finally ended the explicit racial discrimination in housing policy which segregated African Americans out of neighborhoods previously reserved for white households. The Act afforded African Americans equal opportunity to rent or purchase homes in well-resourced neighborhoods previously barricaded behind discriminatory policies and covenants, as well as access to nondiscriminatory financing and homeowners insurance” (Prosperity Now).

**The Fair Housing Act**, protects people from discrimination when they are renting or buying a home, getting a mortgage, seeking housing assistance, or engaging in other house related activities. The act prohibits the discrimination of housing because of:

- Race
- Color
- National Origin
- Religion
- Sex
- Familial Status
- Disability



**The Fair Housing Amendments Act**, protects the rights of parents to buy, rent, and live in the home of their choice. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) wants to tell parents five things they should know about their housing rights.

1. You Cannot Be Denied Housing Because You Have a Child.
2. You Cannot Be Evicted Housing Because You Have a Child.
3. Families Cannot Be Restricted to One Area of a Building or Complex.
4. Rules Cannot Unfairly Target Children.
5. Advertisements Cannot State That Children Are Not Wanted.



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## Available Resources

### PAS Explores: Affordable Housing

This *Memo* begins by defining equitable development and community investment. It outlines the motivations that bring hospitals and health systems to community investment and the assets these institutions bring to their communities. Case studies explore how health institutions have partnered with planners to deepen and accelerate equitable development. It ends with action steps to help planners cultivate such partnerships with an intentional focus on racial equity, which is critical to equitable development. [Click Here!](#) To read the memo.

### TD Bank

2020 was a year of job losses and difficulties for many. There was a great deal of need for affordable housing but also challenges for those seeking to provide it. Process delays caused by COVID-19 and slowdowns in funding hampered efforts to develop affordable housing, according to Gregg Gerken, Head of U.S. Commercial Real Estate with TD Bank. The problem of affordable housing is one seen in many communities, irrespective of geography. "I think some communities have the equivalent of workforce housing, which in many cases is affordable. But when you get into a lot of the more expensive urban areas and densely populated cities there's this issue of supply and demand — there just isn't enough supply of affordable housing to really reach the demand," Gerken says. [Click Here!](#) To watch the interview.

### HUD

The Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) is providing Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) notice to address questions and concerns regarding the operations of the Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP) during the global pandemic resulting from COVID-19 (Coronavirus). The FAQ covers programmatic requirements for existing grantees; updates on the FY 2019 FHIP application evaluation and award process and the FY 2020 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). [Click Here!](#) To read more.

## Upcoming Events

### Equal Housing Opportunities: Fair Housing Series

Fair Housing Overview

Apr. 1, 2021 2:00pm-3:30pm CDT

Registration Fee: Free

[Click Here!](#) To register

Reasonable Accommodations and Modifications

Apr. 13, 2021 2:00-3:30pm CDT

Registration Fee: Free

[Click Here!](#) To register

Violence Against Women Act and Fair Housing

Apr. 22, 2021 2:00pm-3:30pm CDT

Registration Fee: Free

[Click Here!](#) To register

Affirmative Marketing

Apr. 27, 2021 2:00pm-3:30pm CDT

Registration Fee: Free

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