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Fair Housing Information**Local**

Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights

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The Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights (RICHR) was established in 1949 upon the enactment of the Fair Employment Practices Act. The RICHR is the primary agency responsible for enforcing the state's anti-discrimination laws. Under the areas of employment, housing, public accommodations and credit, the RICHR enforces laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, country of ancestral origin, sex, age, physical disability, mental disability, religion, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression, marital status (housing only), familial status (housing only), status as a victim of domestic abuse (housing only) and association with members of a protected class (housing only). In addition to state anti-discrimination statutes, the Commission maintains agreements with the federal government and investigates specific cases under both jurisdictions. Under an agreement with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission it is authorized to enforce the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, and Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act. A similar agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development authorizes RICHR to enforce the Federal Fair Housing Act Title VIII, as amended in 1988.

Rhode Island Housing

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Established in 1973, Rhode Island Housing is a self-sustaining public agency that reinvests all revenue in meeting the housing needs of the state. As Rhode Island's principal housing agency, it offers two dozen programs ranging from low-interest loans to first-time homebuyers to financing for construction and rehabilitation of affordable apartments. Rhode Island Housing administers federal Low Income Housing Tax Credits, HOME and the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program, issues single and multi-family taxable and tax-exempt bonds, oversees the management of HUD-assisted apartments and develops the state's annual application for McKinney Supportive Housing Program funds, among other activities.

Housing Network of Rhode Island

www.housingnetworkri.org

(401) 521-1461

Housing Network of Rhode Island is the state association of non-profit community development corporations. Members have developed and built thousands of units of affordable housing and initiated revitalization efforts throughout the state. The organization exists to support these members and to promote public awareness and policies that address Rhode Island's housing and economic needs. Visit the Network's Fair Housing page.

www.housingnetworkri.org/sub_homeownership_files/pdf/fairhousing_en.pdf

To view and print the English version of the Housing Network's Homeownership and Fair Housing brochure.

www.housingnetworkri.org/sub_homeownership_files/pdf/fairhousing_sp.pdf

To view and print the Spanish version of the Housing Network's Homeownership and Fair Housing brochure.

State of Rhode Island Housing Resources Commission

www.hrc.ri.gov/index.html

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The Commission's purpose is to ensure that all Rhode Island residents have access to safe and affordable housing. The commission represents a wide range of constituents, from government to providers to advocates. There are also housing advocacy links within this website.

Statewide Housing Action Coalition (SHAC)

www.shac-ri.org

(401) 521-1461

The Statewide Housing Action Coalition (SHAC) is a broad-based advocacy organization committed to promoting safe, appropriate and affordable housing as a basic human right. In 2005, SHAC was given a home at The Housing Network of Rhode Island. SHAC's work includes, public policy advocacy, outreach, public education and collaboration. SHAC is Rhode Island's lead agency for the New England Housing Network and the National Low Income Housing Coalition.

Rhode Island Legal Services

www.rils.org

Housing Hotline: (800) 662-5034 ext.124

The basic priorities of Rhode Island Legal Services (RILS) are to ensure that low-income people have food, shelter, income, medical care, and freedom from domestic violence. To accomplish this, RILS provides a full range of legal assistance, including advice and brief service, investigation, negotiation and litigation in all state and federal trial and appellate courts. RILS also provides community legal education services to its client community and is the State's major law firm for low-income people with civil legal problems.

Don't Borrow Trouble RI

www.dontborrowtroubleri.org

(800) 436-3180

The DON'T BORROW TROUBLE RI campaign is a public education initiative aimed at stopping predatory lending practices in the state. The campaign, administered by Rhode Island Housing, seeks to educate families and individuals about how to avoid predatory-lending scams and about available community resources. The DON'T BORROW TROUBLE RI help line offers families a safe place to call before they sign anything that puts their home at risk.

HousingWorks RI

www.housingworksri.org

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HousingWorks RI is a coalition of more than 100 organizations – businesses, institutions and concerned citizens – dedicated to ending the state's severe shortage of quality, affordable housing by promoting well-planned and high-quality construction. The campaign's work focuses on government relations, communications and public education. HousingWorks RI is led by The Rhode Island Foundation, Rhode Island Housing and the United Way of Rhode Island.

Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)

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The Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) is a creative and financial resource for community-based organizations that seek to revitalize distressed neighborhoods. Rhode Island LISC provides direct financial assistance to individual community development corporations (CDCs) as an intermediary for over 900 corporations and foundations. LISC also supports the work of local CDCs with training, technical assistance and strategic guidance.

Federal

**United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
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www.hud.gov/fairhousing

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The Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) administers and enforces federal laws and establishes policies that make sure all Americans have equal access to the housing of their choice.

www.brgov.com/dept/ocd/pdf/903-1.pdf

This is a link to HUD Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) OMB Approved document 2529-0011 titled: 'Are you a Victim of Housing Discrimination? Fair Housing is Your Right.' This document includes: information on how to recognize housing discrimination, the official form for reporting it, instructions on completing and submitting the form, and a list of enforcement centers by region to which the completed form should be sent.

www.hud.gov/offices/fheo/FHLaws/index.cfm

This link brings you to the HUD FHEO Law web page. Here you will find a list of Fair Housing laws and clearly worded explanations of what types of discrimination each of these laws addresses.

www.hud.gov/offices/fheo/aboutfheo/fhhubs.cfm

This link takes you directly to a list of HUD's Regional FHEO Office locations and contact information. The offices of FHEO are responsible for all discrimination complaints filed with HUD.

<http://chatwrite.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hcs.cfm?webListAction=search&searchstate=RI>

For a current list of HUD Approved Housing Counseling Agencies in Rhode Island with contact information and services provided.

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/fheo/39steps.pdf>

View and print HUD's FHEO publication, 39 Steps Toward Fair Housing, a history of federal legislation about Fair Housing.

National

National Fair Housing Alliance

www.nationalfairhousing.org/index.php

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National Fair Housing Alliance (NFHA) is solely dedicated to ending discrimination in housing. On this site you will find news pertinent to fair housing issues, a news archive, information on NFHA's member organizations, partners and supporters, media and resources, including posters that are available to download and information on their Fair Housing training sessions.

John Marshall School of Law – Fair Housing Support Center

www.jmls.edu/fair_housing/legal_support_center.shtml

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John Marshall School of Law Fair Housing Support Center (FHLSC) provides legal assistance to those private or public organizations that seek to eliminate discriminatory housing practices. They do this by developing materials and brochures to educate the public about fair housing law, conducting legal research, offering advice on trial strategy, providing sample forms and briefs to help groups fight housing discrimination, arranging conferences and mock trials, developing courses and training materials, providing civic and community-based organizations, the real estate industry and private fair housing groups with legal information about rights and responsibilities under the fair housing laws.

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Phone: (401) 751-6400

Rhode Island Housing*
44 Washington Street
Providence, RI 02903
Phone: (401) 751-5566

Smithfield Housing Authority
7 Church Street
Greenville, RI 02828
Phone: (401) 949-0270

South Kingstown Housing Authority
364 Curtis Corner Road
Greenville, RI 02828
Phone: (401) 783-0126

Tiverton Housing Authority
99 Hancock Street
Tiverton, RI 02878
Phone: (401) 624-4748

Warren Housing Authority
20 Libby Lane
Warren, RI 02885
T: (401) 245-7019

Warwick Housing Authority
25 Easton Avenue
Warwick, RI 02888
T: (401) 463-7206

West Warwick Housing Authority
62 Robert Street
West Warwick, RI 02893
Phone: (401) 822-9430

Westerly Housing Authority
5 Chestnut Street
Westerly, RI 02891
Phone: (401) 596-4918

Woonsocket Housing Authority
679 Social Street
Woonsocket, RI 02895
Phone: (401) 767-8000

**Rhode Island Housing administers the Housing Choice Voucher Program within the cities and towns that do not have their own Public Housing Authority.*

Subsidy Resources**Rhode Island Housing**

Joe Voccio
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US HUD

Providence Field Office
Nancy D. Smith Greer
Field Office Director
121 South Main Street, Suite 300
Providence, RI 02903-7104
Phone: (401) 277-8300
Fax: (401) 277-8398

USDA/Rural Development

Warwick Service Center
David M. Delisle
Area Director
60 Quaker Lane, Suite 44
Warwick, RI 02886
Phone: (401) 826-0842
Fax: (401) 828-6042
Email: david.delisle@ri.usda.gov

Rhode Island Outreach Media Outlets

PUBLICATIONS

The Providence American

131 Washington Street
 Providence, RI 02903
 Published by the Amerzine Company
 Publisher: Peter C. Wells
 Phone: (401) 351-8860
 Fax: (401) 351-8865
 Web: www.theprovidenceamerican.com
 Email: PeterWells@theprovidenceamerican.com
 Primary Contact: Peter C. Wells
 Frequency: Weekly
 Published: Thursday
 Deadline: Friday at noon
 Circulation: 10,000
 Area: RI & SE MA
 Notes: The Providence American is a family newspaper catering to the needs and concerns of the minority community. ProAm Magazine is an entertainment magazine inserted in the Providence American.

Providence En Espanol

77 Eddy Street, 4th Floor
 Providence, RI 02903
 Hispanic Media Publishing, Inc.
 Publisher: Victor H. Cuenca
 Telephone: (401) 454-3004
 Fax: (401) 454-3007
 Web: www.providenceenespanol.com
 Email: ecancel@providenceenespanol.com
 Primary Contact: Edwin Cancel, General Manager
 Frequency: Weekly
 Published: Friday
 Deadline: Tuesday at noon of prior week
 Circulation: 25,000
 Area: RI and parts of MA

Tiempo Social

P.O. Box 25686
 Providence, RI 02905
 (Located at 150 Colfax Street)
 Publisher: Yuri Liriano
 Telephone: (401) 427-1078
 Fax: none
 Email: tiemposocial@yahoo.com
 Primary Contact: Yuri Liriano,
yurilirian@gmail.com
 Published: 1st week of month
 Frequency: Monthly
 Deadline: 20th of the month

RADIO STATIONS

WALE Supermax 990 AM

P.O. Box 6443
 Providence 02904
 (Located at 75 Oxford Street)

Supermax WKKB Inc.

Telephone: (401) 521-0990
 Fax: (401) 521-5077
 Email: manolopazos@aol.com
 Web: www.supermax990am.com
 Format: 24 hours in Spanish, Red Sox in Spanish, news, sports, traffic, weather. Targets ages 34+

General Manager: Craig Rapoza
 Program Director: Dr. Manolo Pazos
 Notes: Sister to WKKB-FM Latina 100.3 and WAKX FM 102.7

WKKB FM Latina 100.3

P.O. Box 6443
 Providence, RI 02904
 (Located at 1185 North Main Street)

Supermax WKKB Inc.

Telephone: (401) 521-0990
 Fax: (401) 521-5077
 Email: juan@latina1003.com
 Web: www.latina1003.com
 Format: 24 hours in Spanish, targeted to ages 18-34, news, sports, traffic, weather

General Manager: Craig Rapoza
 Program Director: Juan Gonzalez
 Notes: Sister to Supermax 990 AM and WAKX FM 102.7

Poder 1110 WPMZ Radio

1270 Mineral Spring Avenue
 North Providence, RI 02904
 Telephone: (401) 726-8413
 Fax: (401) 726-8649
 Web: www.poder1110.com
 Email: info@Poder1110.com
 Format: Latino talk, news and tropical music
 General Manager: Tony Mendez
 News Director: Luis Bedoya
 Program Director: Zoilo Garcia

Show: El Can de la Mañana
 Host: Zoilo Garcia, Luis Bedoya, Freddy Rosario
 Producer: Johanna Petrarca
 Time: 6 a.m. – 11 a.m.
 Notes: Morning show, combination of talk, music and call-in

Show: De Frente con el Poder
 Host: Delia Rodriguez-Majoan
 Producer: Johanna Petrarca
 Time: 8 a.m. - 9 a.m. Saturday
 Notes: Talk show

Show: El Poder de la Bachata
 Host: Anibal Abreu
 Producer: Zoilo Garcia
 Time: 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. M-F
 Notes: “Bachata” music

Show: El Poder de la Salsa
 Host: Anibal Abreu
 Producer: Zoilo Garcia
 Time: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Saturdays
 Notes: Contemporary and Traditional Salsa music

Show: CHisPA Informa Radio Program
 421 Elmwood Avenue
 Providence, RI 02907
 Primary Contact: Miguel Sanchez Hartwein, Executive Director
 Telephone: (401) 467-0111
 Fax: (401) 467-2507
 Web: www.chispari.org
 Email: chispa@chispari.org
 Frequency: Every Sunday 11 a.m. to noon on Poder 1110 AM

Notes: Community information, mainly targeted to Latino population
 Guests: Invited and translation is available