



Fair Housing Training for Property Management and HOA's

Property management companies and Home Owner Associations are the face and representatives of the housing communities they serve. As such, these housing providers should be knowledgeable in the laws and statutes that enforce equal opportunity in housing to all applicants and residents. The inclusion of fair housing training is recommended on an annual basis. Such training keep staff educated and well-informed about fair housing practices.

Educating housing providers on fair housing laws and their responsibilities is one of the most important components to eliminating housing discrimination. HOPE, Inc. has increased its Broward outreach campaign to educate more housing providers, specifically property managers, homeowner associations, and self-maintained governing boards.

The Fair Housing Provider Training consist of overview of the following topics:

- Fair Housing Act of 1968
- Federally Protected Classes
- State & Local Protected Classes
- What does Fair Housing Cover?
- What is not Covered?
- Prohibited Practices
- Occupancy Standards
- Sexual Harassment
- Retaliation
- Lawful Application Processing
- Lawful Discrimination vs. Illegal Discrimination
- Broward Fair Housing Notification Ordinance
- Fair Housing & Disability
- Fair Housing & Familial Status
- Senior Communities
- Steering, Familial Status
- Steering, Real Estate Agents
- Advertising and Fair Housing
- Best Practices for Property Managers
- Enforcement: Penalties for Violations
- Fair Housing Enforcement Agencies

Property management companies are required to uphold all laws pertaining to fair housing and be accountable for non-compliance. Nonconformity to fair housing laws could result in judicial claims that can amount to millions of dollars in penalties, fees, and damages. In addition, it is a housing provider's ethical responsibility to ensure every client experience an unbiased and prejudicial-free event when choosing a place to live.

If you are located in Tamarac, you can schedule a FREE fair housing provider training for your staff. Please contact HOPE, Inc. at rita@hopefhc.com or call 954.567.0545. For your convenience, training seminars are conducted at your facility, day or evening. All attendees receive fair housing resources for future reference.