

**BROWN  
COUNTY FAIR  
HOUSING  
OUTREACH  
&  
REFERRAL  
PROGRAM**

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## **WHAT IS THE FAIR HOUSING OUTREACH/ REFERRAL PROGRAM??**

The Fair Housing program for residents of Brown County is a program funded by a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) source. These funds are made available to the Brown County Board of Commissioners by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) and through the Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development.

### **THE GOALS OF FAIR HOUSING LAW ARE:**

To assure full housing opportunity for all home-seekers.

To alleviate discriminatory housing practices.

To strengthen and maintain Fair Housing opportunities in all areas.

To achieve full public awareness of individuals' housing rights.

### **WHAT ARE THE REFERRAL PROGRAM OBJECTIVES?**

1. Assist residents and prospective residents of Brown County who experience difficulty in securing housing of their choice due to their race, color, religion, national origin, gender, familial status, or physical/mental disabilities.
2. Help local officials, citizens, and members of the Real Estate, housing, and lending

institutions to become more sensitive to discrimination patterns in housing and to convey the legal, social, and economic implications of these patterns locally and countywide.

3. Inform all citizens of their housing rights and responsibilities.
4. Provide up to date information to all home seekers about the housing stock within the county and about the communities and neighborhoods within.
5. Assist individuals in exercising their housing rights.

### **BY WHAT MEANS ARE THESE OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED?**

1. We issue information, reports, brochures, etc. to acquaint the public with Fair Housing concepts and the role of the Referral/Outreach program.
2. Maintain an information center to answer inquiries, vet situations and refer when necessary. Provides referral for legal assistance to persons whose housing rights may be in jeopardy. Maintain referral services in cooperation with other housing services agencies and housing industry groups.
3. Fair Housing Law presentations made to various groups throughout the county.

### **TO WHOM ARE THESE SERVICES PROVIDED?**

Any person in Brown County seeking housing or housing information. Anyone who feels that their rights are being threatened.

## **WHAT CAN THIS PROGRAM DO FOR YOU**

Provide information on your individuals' rights under Fair Housing Law.

Vet situations and determine if a referral is warranted.

Make appropriate referrals or coordination's that may assist.

### **Contact information:**

Brown County Commissioners Office  
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Georgetown, Ohio 45121  
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3. Discriminatory or preferential Advertising
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