



**ARE YOU READY TO BE  
AN AMBASSADOR  
FOR JUSTICE?**



**Creating Inclusive Communities  
of Opportunity**

## WHAT IS TESTING?

Testing is an investigative tool utilizing trained individuals to gather credible information about housing practices. Similar to mystery shoppers, testers pose as renters or buyers of real estate in order to determine whether unlawful housing discrimination is occurring.





## WHY IS TESTING IMPORTANT?

### Testing ensures that:

- All home-seekers are receiving an accurate representation of all available housing options or services and are able to choose from all housing options for which they qualify.
- Home-seekers are allowed to form their own conclusions about the housing or related products they are considering.
- Housing rates, deposits, and specials, as well as the opportunity to apply, are equally provided to all.
- Home-seeker qualification is determined solely by income, credit, rental history, and other legitimate factors.

Are you ready to help us make a difference?

If you are interested in attending the introductory tester orientation/training, please call (419) 243-6163

## WHY SHOULD YOU BE A TESTER?

The work accomplished through The Fair Housing Center's testing program is vital to ensure equal housing opportunity within our community. The valuable experience of being a tester allows you to give back to the community and serve in the fight for justice.

### **Potential Testers must be:**

- Objective and fair
- Observant and detail-oriented
- Responsive and flexible
- Able to follow detailed instructions and write a fact-based report
- 18 years of age or older
- Conscientious and responsible in honoring their commitment

### **In addition, you must have:**

- Good written and communication skills
- Reliable transportation

Testers receive a stipend based on the type of test that is conducted, and mileage is also reimbursed under certain circumstances.



## WHY IS FAIR HOUSING IMPORTANT?

Fair housing ensures everyone is treated equally when negotiating the sale, rental, insuring, or financing of property. Housing discrimination occurs when a person is treated differently than others because of their race, color, national origin, sex, religion, familial status, disability, military status,\* sexual orientation,\*\* immigration status,\*\* gender identity,\*\* or source of income.\*\* Equal housing opportunity is important because where you live often determines the quality of education your children receive, employment options, and access to services. Your ZIP code should not determine your destiny.

**Equal housing choice is required by law.**

\*state protection

\*\*local protection

# The Fair Housing Center

## Vision

The Fair Housing Center will be a leading visible force in preventing, correcting, and eliminating discriminatory housing practices. To achieve our vision, the Center works as a trusted community resource, engaging in education and outreach, advocacy for anti-discriminatory housing policies, mediation, research and investigation, and enforcement actions.

## Mission

The Fair Housing Center is a nonprofit civil rights agency that promotes housing choice, the creation of inclusive communities of opportunity, and the protection and expansion of fair housing rights to support strong communities free of housing discrimination.



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