

# FAIR HOUSING NEWSLETTER

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### BOWLING GREEN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION HISTORY

The Bowling Green Human Rights Commission was established by the City of Bowling Green ordinance of 1966. The purpose of the agency is to promote fair treatment and equal opportunity for all the citizens of Bowling Green and Warren County. Our agency operates by funding from the City of Bowling Green, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to promote fair housing and Warren County. The BGHRC has 2 full-time employees Alice Waddell, Executive Director and Chiquita Lightfoot, Administrative Coordinator and Fair Housing Outreach Education Coordinator. The agency has 11 board members appointed by the Mayor and City Commissioners. Our agency takes in complaints of discrimination in the areas of Employment, Housing and public accommodation based on the membership of a protected characteristics of race, color, age over 40, disability, religion, sex, national origin, and familiar status in housing.

### Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

Funded by a Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) can offer relief to low-income residents on their heating and cooling costs. This assistance can, in turn, reduce the risk of health and safety concerns such as illness, fire or eviction. LIHEAP support is divided into two components, as Subsidy Component and a Crisis Component can offset heating costs based on an individual's income and primary fuel type. Benefits are paid directly to the primary fuel vendor. Enrollment for the Subsidy Component is open November-December each year. To utilize the Component, applicants must meet the same income eligibility requirements as the Subsidy Component, as well as have received a "disconnect" notice from their utility company or be within four days of running out of a non-metered fuel such as propane. Applications for the Crisis Component are accepted January-March 31. During the enrollment period for each component, applications are taken in person at the local community action office in each county.

### Bowling Green Human Rights Commission 2025 Holiday Celebration

On December 16, 2025, the BG Human Rights Commission's staff and board of commissioner members celebrated the holiday with special guests. These are some of the community supporters who help make the agency's work possible.

These guests include Nick Cook, Jake Moore, and Brent Childers (Community Development Block Grant Partners for Fair Housing Funding). Judge Executive Doug Gorman, Magistrate, Tom Lawerence (Warren County Fiscal Court). Executive Director, Katie Miller (Community Partner HABG).

The commission extends its gratitude to each of them for their continued service to the Bowling Green community. Together, we look forward to another year serving Bowling Green / Warren County!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### How to File a Complaint of discrimination

If you or someone has been a victim of discrimination please feel to contact our office at the below location or contact Kentucky Commission on Human Rights at [kchr.mail@ky.gov](mailto:kchr.mail@ky.gov) 312 Whittington Parkway, Louisville, KY 40222

**Main Line: (502) 595-4024**

**Main Fax: (502) 696-5230**

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### **Fair Housing Training**

Our agency conducts fair housing trainings for landlords, tenants, organizations, agencies, property managers, realtors etc. Please contact our office at the above information.

The Fair Housing Program is funded by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)