

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAMILIES

Unless a building or community qualifies as housing for older persons, it may not discriminate based on familial status. That is, it may not discriminate against families in which one or more children under the age of 18 live with a parent, a person who has legal custody, or the designee of the parent or legal custodian, with the parent or custodian's written permission.

Familial status protection also applies to pregnant women and anyone securing legal custody of a child under the age of 18.

EXEMPTION FOR HOUSING FOR OLDER PERSONS

Housing for older persons is exempt from the prohibition against familial status discrimination if:

- The HUD Secretary has determined that it is specifically designed for and occupied by elderly persons under a Federal, State or local government program, or;
- It is occupied solely by persons who are 62 or older, or;
- It houses at least one person who is 55 or older in at least 80 percent of the occupied units, and adheres to a policy that demonstrates an intent to house persons who are 55 or older.

A transition period permits residents on or before September 13, 1988, to continue living in the housing, regardless of their age, without interfering with the exemption.



If you think you have been discriminated against, contact us by phone, fax, mail or e-mail:

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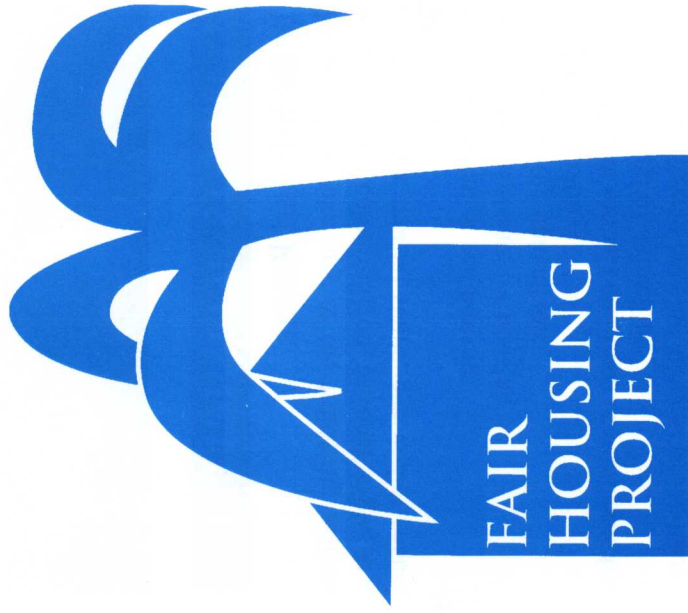
OUR MISSION

The Legal Aid Society's Fair Housing Project provides community outreach, education, advocacy and enforcement of all federal, state and local housing laws to ensure that no Palm Beach County resident is denied access to housing based upon his/her race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, marital status, familial status, age, and/or sexual orientation.

You Have a Right to Fair Housing!

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