



ADVANCING FAIR HOUSING

High Plains Fair Housing Center 2026 Fair Housing Month Virtual Conference

Thursday, April 9 | 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM (CT)

Join housing providers, advocates, service professionals, and community members for a virtual conference exploring key fair housing issues impacting our region. This event will provide practical guidance on fair housing law, emerging housing challenges, and strategies to promote equitable housing opportunities for all.

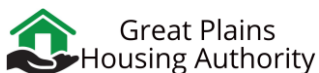
Sessions are designed for housing providers, property managers, social service professionals, advocates, and individuals seeking to better understand fair housing rights and protections.

Thanks to our sponsors and supporters, Continuing Education credits are available for Social Work (ND, MN, SD), Real Estate (SD). If you did not include your interest in CEU's when registering, you must contact bri@highplainsfhc.org before the conference date.

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

9:00 – 9:50 AM

Fair Housing 101: Understanding Your Rights and Responsibilities

Presenter: Margaret Moore Jackson

Professor of Law & Kenneth and Frances Swenson Professor, UND School of Law

This introductory session provides an overview of the Fair Housing Act and key protections under federal law. Participants will learn about protected classes, common forms of housing discrimination, and the role of fair housing enforcement in ensuring equal access to housing. The session will also explore how individuals and housing providers can identify potential discrimination and respond appropriately.

Learning Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Identify the core protections of the Fair Housing Act and related civil rights laws
 - Recognize common forms of housing discrimination
 - Understand the role of fair housing enforcement and advocacy organizations
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10:00 – 10:50 AM

Fair Housing Protections for Persons with Disabilities

Presenter: Nicki Green, Associate Director, High Plains Fair Housing Center

This session will examine fair housing protections for persons with disabilities, including reasonable accommodations, reasonable modifications, and accessibility requirements. Participants will gain practical guidance on how to respond to accommodation requests and ensure housing policies align with fair housing obligations.

Learning Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Understand disability protections under federal fair housing law
 - Distinguish between reasonable accommodations and reasonable modifications
 - Apply best practices for responding to disability-related housing requests
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11:00 – 11:50 AM

Beyond Enforcement: Fair Housing By Design

Presenters:

Kate Binkow Boyd, Co-Founder & Managing Director, Balanced Housing Solutions
James C. Whiteside, Co-Founder & General Counsel, Balanced Housing Solutions

Fair housing compliance extends beyond avoiding violations. This session explores how housing providers can proactively promote fair housing through policies, procedures, and everyday decision-making. Participants will discuss common operational challenges and learn practical strategies to reduce risk, strengthen compliance, and create more inclusive housing practices.

Learning Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Recognize the everyday decisions that create the most fair housing risk
- Fix common breakdowns between policy and practice
- Use simple tools to ensure housing providers make consistent decisions
- Respond to real-world situations without increasing liability
- Improve access to housing while strengthening compliance

11:50 AM – 12:20 PM: Break

12:20 – 1:20 PM

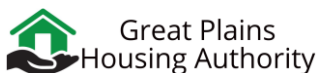
Federal and State Resources in North Dakota

Presenters:

Commissioner Zach Greenberg, ND Department of Labor and Human Rights
Dedra Carey, State Director, North Dakota Field Office, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Field and Policy Management

This session will provide an overview of both agencies' roles in North Dakota in enforcing fair housing laws and protecting civil rights. The session will highlight how the NDDLHR investigates discrimination complaints, conducts outreach and education, and works to ensure compliance.

This session will also show how HUD plays a central role in supporting communities by expanding access to safe, affordable housing and enforcing federal civil rights protections. HUD offers guidance, data, and technical assistance to housing providers, local governments, and nonprofits—helping communities address housing shortages, reduce homelessness, promote homeownership and create more inclusive, stable living environments.



1:30 – 2:20 PM

Trends in Frauds and Scams including Housing Scams

Presenter: Josh Askvig, State Director, AARP North Dakota

Housing scams are increasingly affecting renters, homebuyers, and housing providers. This session will highlight common scam tactics, including rental scams and fraudulent housing offers, and provide guidance on how individuals and professionals can identify warning signs and prevent fraud.

Learning Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Recognize common types of housing-related scams
 - Understand strategies to help prevent scams in their communities
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2:30 – 3:20 PM

Evictions & Habitability Concerns in Rental Housing

Presenter: Jen Lee, Executive Director, Legal Services of North Dakota

This session will explore legal and practical issues related to evictions and housing habitability. Participants will learn about tenant rights, landlord responsibilities, and how housing conditions can impact housing stability. The session will also address how fair housing considerations may intersect with eviction and housing quality concerns.

Learning Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Understand the basic legal framework surrounding evictions
 - Identify landlord and tenant responsibilities related to habitability
 - Recognize how housing conditions and eviction practices can impact housing stability
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3:20 – 3:30 PM Closing Remarks





Registration Information

Participants are encouraged to register through Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1984643982577?aff=oddtcreator>

ND, SD, and MN Social Work CEUs and South Dakota Real Estate Credits totaling 3 credit hours are available for the morning sessions:

- 9:00 – 9:50 AM (1 hour)
Fair Housing 101: Understanding Your Rights and Responsibilities
- 10:00 AM – 10:50 AM (1 hour)
Fair Housing Protections for Persons with Disabilities
- 11:00 – 11:50 AM (1 hour)
Beyond Enforcement: Fair Housing By Design

We are pleased to offer certificates of attendance and social work CEUs for those who attend our webinars. **Please be sure to indicate you are interested in CEUs during your registration.** Our CEU and Certificate of Attendance policy is as follows:

- Attendees must be logged into Zoom for the entirety of the training (or required sessions).
- Attendees must be logged into Zoom with the first and last name they would like printed on their certificate or with the email listed in their registration.
- Certificates will be issued 2-4 weeks after the training.

