FHIPS, FHAPS & FAIR HOUSING REFERRALS





What is the difference between Fair Housing Initiatives Programs (FHIPs) & Fair Housing Assistance Programs (FHAPs)?



TENNESSEE FHIPS & FHAPS

Tennessee Human Rights Commission (THRC) is the FHAP for the State of TN.

TN FHIPS-

- West TN Legal Services (statewide for fair housing activities through local partners)
- TN Fair Housing Council (Middle TN)

Other Agencies-

Fair Housing Council of Metropolitan Memphis – *New Org.*

JURISDICTION & HOUSING DISCRIMINATION

The term "jurisdiction" refers to the legal authority of a government body to enforce the law in a given set of circumstances.

 HUD (Fair Housing Enforcement Office) enforces the Fair Housing Act & investigates complaints of housing discrimination.

 THRC enforces the TN Human Rights Act & investigates complaints of housing discrimination as the state's FHAP.

The Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA) intakes and conducts preliminary reviews of complaints alleging housing discrimination in programs administered by THDA only.

THDA directly reports, refers or works in cooperation with THRC and HUD FHEO as the jurisdictional authorities for investigations of housing discrimination.

THDA routinely refers people to the Fair Housing Initiative Programs, including Legal Aid organizations.

