

## REGIONAL HOUSING RESOURCES

### Section 8 Rental Assistance

#### Bland County

N/A

#### Carroll County

Rooftop of Virginia CAP 1-276-236-7131

#### Galax

Rooftop of Virginia CAP 1-276-236-7131

#### Grayson County

Rooftop of Virginia CAP 1-276-236-7131

#### Smyth County

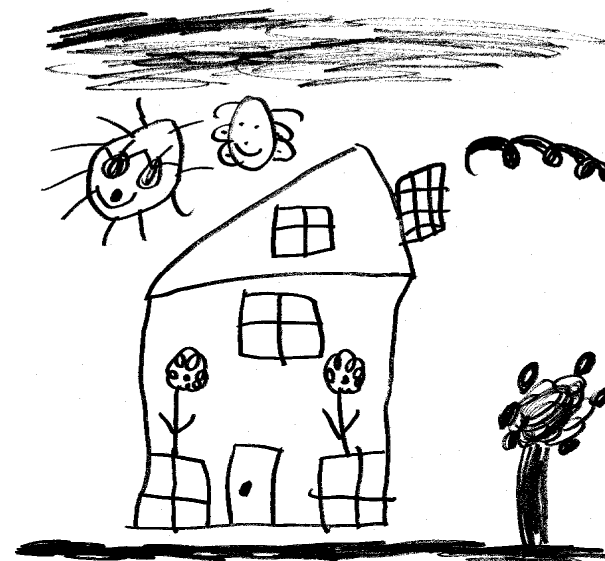
Department of Social Services 1-276-783-8148

#### Wythe County

Wytheville Redevelopment and Housing Authority 1-276-228-6515



Look for this symbol on all housing-related material to indicate the provider's commitment to fair housing.



### Homeless Intervention/Housing Counseling

#### Helping Overcome Poverty's Existence

A HUD-certified Housing Counseling Agency  
1-877-818-8680 or 1-276-228-6280

### HOPE Interagency Council on Homelessness

#### Helping Overcome Poverty's Existence

1-877-818-8680 or 1-276-228-6280  
[www.wythehope.org](http://www.wythehope.org)

#### Family Resource Center

1-276-228-8431  
[www.frc-inc.org](http://www.frc-inc.org)

#### Crossroads Shelter

1-276-228-9270  
[www.crossroads-shelter.org](http://www.crossroads-shelter.org)

#### Hostel of the Good Shepherd

1-276-236-7573

#### Mountain CAP (Community Action Program)

1-276-228-5231

### Fair Housing Laws apply to:

- Real estate agents and brokers
- Financial institutions
- Builders or contractors
- Insurers
- Local governments
- And many others

## FAIR HOUSING RESOURCE GUIDE

for the counties of Bland, Carroll,  
Grayson, Smyth and Wythe  
and the city of Galax



## Open the Door to Fair Housing

*The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental financing, and advertising of housing because of*

- **Race**
- **Color**
- **National Origin**
- **Religion**
- **Gender-sex**
- **Disability**-physical and mental
- **Familial Status**-children under 18 living with parents or legal custodians; pregnant women; and people securing custody of children
- **Elderliness**-age 55 and older (covered by Virginia Fair Housing Law)

### ***Fair Housing is a Right and a Responsibility***

We are all protected under fair housing laws. If you believe your rights have been violated, contact one of the resources listed. It is important to note that real estate professionals have enforceable rights under fair housing laws to conduct their business in a marketplace that is free from discrimination. They also have specific responsibilities. Real estate professionals are bound not only by fair housing laws, but also by Article 10 of the National Association of Realtors Code of Ethics, which incorporates fair housing principles.

*Under fair housing laws it is illegal, because of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, disability, familial status, or elderliness, to:*

- Refuse to rent or sell housing;
- Refuse to negotiate for housing;
- Make housing unavailable or deny that housing is available;
- Set different terms, conditions, or privileges for housing;
- Advertise or state a discriminatory preference or limitation;
- Deny or make different terms or conditions for a mortgage, home loan, insurance, or other “real estate transaction”;
- Threaten, coerce, or intimidate anyone exercising fair housing rights.

The Fair Housing Act also provides for reasonable accommodations and modifications for persons with disabilities. In addition, new multifamily housing (built for first occupancy after March 13, 1991) must include these seven basic physical accessibility features:

- accessible entrance on an accessible route
- accessible public and common use areas
- usable doors
- accessible routes into and through the dwelling
- accessible light switches, electrical outlets, and environmental controls
- reinforced walls in bathrooms
- usable kitchens and bathrooms

## FAIR HOUSING RESOURCES

### **Southwest Virginia Legal Aid Society**

277 West Cherry Street  
Marion, VA 24354  
1-866-534-5243  
[www.svlas.org](http://www.svlas.org)

### **Virginia Lawyer Referral Service**

1-800-552-7977  
[www.vsb.org](http://www.vsb.org)

### **Virginia Housing Development Authority**

185 East Main Street  
Wytheville, VA 24382  
1-276-228-7060  
[www.vhda.com](http://www.vhda.com)

### **Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME)**

2201 West Broad Street, Suite 200  
Richmond, VA 23220  
1-804-354-0641  
[www.phonehome.org](http://www.phonehome.org)

### **Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation**

Fair Housing Office  
Real Estate Board  
3600 West Broad Street  
Richmond, VA 23230  
1-804-367-8530  
[www.dpor.virginia.gov](http://www.dpor.virginia.gov)

### **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**

Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity  
451 7th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20410  
1-800-669-9777  
1-800-927-9275 TDD  
[www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)