

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

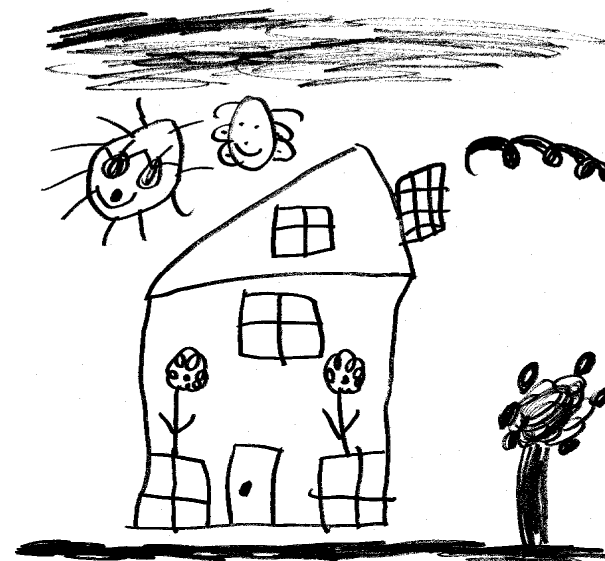
Department of Social Services 1-276-783-8148

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

Family Resource Center

1-276-228-8431
www.frc-inc.org

Crossroads Shelter

1-276-228-9270
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

Virginia Lawyer Referral Service

1-800-552-7977
www.vsb.org

Virginia Housing Development Authority

185 East Main Street
Wytheville, VA 24382
1-276-228-7060
www.vhda.com

Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME)

2201 West Broad Street, Suite 200
Richmond, VA 23220
1-804-354-0641
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

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