

Eviction prevention and fair housing

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A practical referral guide for advocates serving adults age 18 and older in Cuyahoga County, Ohio. Family and maternity programs are included for adult clients with dependents. Programs with a narrower age range are identified. An out-of-county treatment link is labeled when it matters.

Provider, government, and community webpages were reviewed for service descriptions, contact details, and published intake criteria. No provider was called, and bed availability, funding, and appointment capacity were not confirmed in real time.

Urgent contacts

Immediate danger: 911. Life-threatening emergency. Do not wait for routine intake.

Behavioral health crisis: 988. Call or text 988. FrontLine local crisis line: 216-623-6888.

Homeless shelter intake: 216-674-6700. Coordinated Intake, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Phone only.

After hours: 211. Evenings, weekends, and when the first referral cannot help.

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Use this alongside rent assistance. Applying for aid or legal help does not itself stop a court deadline.

Legal Aid and Free Eviction Help

Eviction screening, advice, and Cleveland Right to Counsel screening.

Phone: 216-861-5835, 888-817-3777

Service

Eviction legal screening, advice, and possible representation, including Cleveland Right to Counsel screening.

Eligibility

Cuyahoga County tenants facing eviction. Representation depends on financial and case screening. Cleveland Right to Counsel has additional criteria. Request current screening rather than relying on older summaries.

Intake

Call 216-861-5835 or 888-817-3777, or apply at Free Eviction Help. Have the court summons, case number, hearing date, lease, and notices ready if available.

Confirm before you send someone

Ask about urgent hearing deadlines, representation acceptance, and documents still needed. Legal help is not a rent grant.

Sources: <https://freeevictionhelp.org/>

Fair Housing Center for Rights and Research

Housing discrimination help, including disability-related housing concerns.

Phone: 216-361-9240

Service

Housing discrimination assistance and fair-housing advocacy, including disability-related housing concerns.

Eligibility

People experiencing potential housing discrimination. The reviewed page does not publish a universal income threshold. Staff screen the issue.

Intake

Call 216-361-9240 or select Report Discrimination on the website. Office: 2800 Euclid Avenue, Suite 401, Cleveland. Describe what happened, dates, and the property.

Confirm before you send someone

Ask whether the issue is within its service scope and what documentation is useful. This is not emergency shelter or a general rent fund.

Sources: <https://thehousingcenter.org/>

