Training, Policy Paper and Fact Sheets on Disability-Based Discrimination and Supportive Housing for People with Mental Health Disabilities

Below is a brief summary of the housing work that Disability Rights California is conducting under a grant from the CalMHSA Stigma, Discrimination, Reduction and Advancing Policy to Eliminate Discrimination Program. You might be interested in participating in our housing training, using our fact sheets or contributing to our policy work.

**Housing Discrimination Trainings**

Disability Rights California’s legal and peer/self advocacy staff are conducting training on reducing stigma and housing discrimination against people with mental health disabilities. These trainings can be customized for different audiences, including tenants and housing applicants with mental health disabilities, advocates and attorneys, housing providers and public agencies. For more information, please contact:

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Policy Paper: Fighting “NIMBY” Opposition to the Development of Supportive Housing for People with Mental Health Disabilities

Disability Rights California legal staff are researching supportive housing issues for people with mental health disabilities in order to develop a policy paper describing the issues and making recommended changes to address the issues. We are interested in hearing from mental health consumers, advocates, supportive housing providers and affordable housing providers about their experiences, concerns and visions with regard to supportive housing. To give us your input, or for more information, please contact Pamela Cohen at the email address or telephone number above.

Housing Fact Sheets

Disability Rights California has developed the following fact sheets in order to reduce housing discrimination against people with mental health disabilities. These fact sheets are available at: http://www.disabilityrightsca.org/CalMHSA/CalMHSAfactsheets.html

Housing Fact Sheets for People with Mental Health Disabilities, Family Members and Advocates:

Your Fair Housing Rights as a Tenant with a Mental Health Disability

How to Challenge Disability-Based Housing Discrimination
Tenants with Mental Health Disabilities: The Right to Reasonable Modifications in Housing

Tenants with Mental Health Disabilities: The Right to Reasonable Accommodations in Housing

Your Right to a Service or Emotional Support Animal as a Tenant with a Mental Health Disability

Housing Fact Sheets for Housing Providers:

Providing Reasonable Modifications to Tenants with Mental Health Disabilities
Providing Reasonable Accommodations to Tenants with Mental Health Disabilities

Fair Housing Rights of Tenants with Mental Health Disabilities for Landlords

The Rights of Tenants with Mental Health Disabilities to Service or Emotional Support Animals

Fact Sheets on Reducing Stigma:
Definitions of Stigma and Discrimination

A Stereotype that Harms People with Mental Health Challenges People First Language in Mental Health

Tips Towards Plain Language

The California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) is an organization of county governments working to improve mental health outcomes for individuals, families and communities. Prevention and Early Intervention programs implemented by CalMHSA are funded by counties through the voter-approved Mental Health Services Act (Prop 63). Prop. 63 provides the funding and framework needed to expand mental health services to previously underserved populations and all of California’s diverse communities.