

# FAIR HOUSING MONTHLY

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**METROPOLITAN MEMPHIS**

**August 2025**



## Housing Stability Helps Students Succeed

As children return to school this month, we're reminded of a powerful truth: a stable home lays the foundation for a successful school year. Children facing housing insecurity or discrimination are more likely to struggle with attendance, focus, and emotional well-being.

At the FHCMM we work to ensure families can access and maintain safe, fair housing — so children can thrive both at home and in the classroom.

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## Top News

*Finding Home: A Story of Fair Housing* Book Release

Back to School & Fair Housing



Are you or someone you know passionate about social justice, fair housing, or community outreach? We're currently seeking interns to join our team and gain hands-on experience in advocacy, education, and nonprofit work.

If you're a student or recent graduate looking for a meaningful opportunity to make a difference, we'd love to hear from you! Email us at [info@fhcmm.org](mailto:info@fhcmm.org) to learn more.

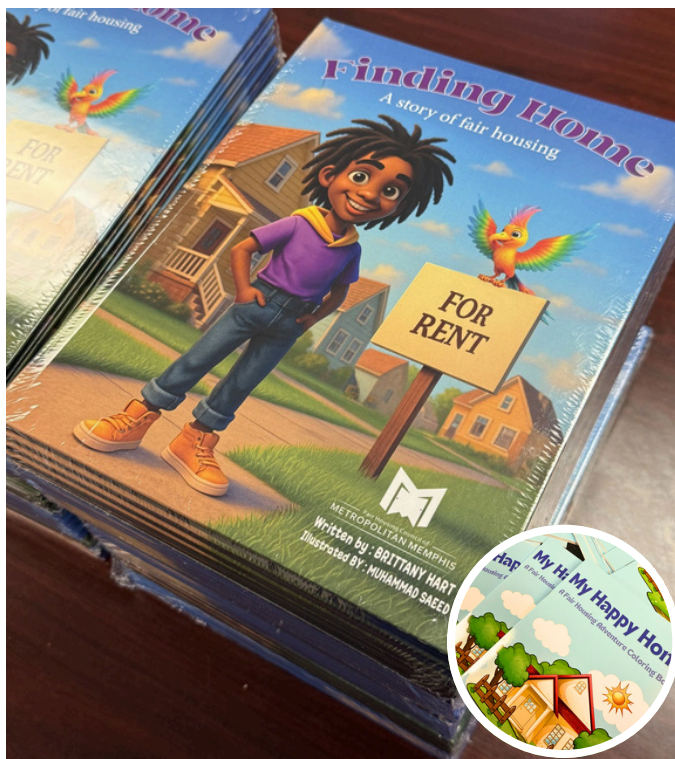
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## Here Are A Few Ways Housing Impacts Education:

- **Consistent housing = consistent learning:** Frequent moves or evictions disrupt learning and create instability.
- **Overcrowding or unsafe conditions** can affect sleep, study time, and health — all linked to academic performance.
- **Living near quality schools** is often tied to access to housing — and sometimes denied through discriminatory practices.

## What Families Can Do:

- **Know your rights:** It's illegal for landlords to deny housing because of familiar status.
- **Ask questions** about school zoning and housing policies when looking for a home.
- **Reach out** if you believe you're being treated unfairly — FHCMM is here to help.



## Partnership Spotlight: Advancing Fair Housing in Real Estate



Over the last two months, FHCMM has collaborated with trusted real estate professionals and the Memphis Area Association of REALTORS® (MAAR) to deliver impactful Fair Housing trainings to agents across Tennessee and Mississippi. Together, we've reached over 190 realtors—equipping them with the tools to better understand Fair Housing law, serve diverse clients equitably, and uphold housing rights in every transaction.

This partnership is part of our growing effort to ensure that housing professionals across the region are informed, empowered, and committed to fair practices.

### NOW AVAILABLE: *Finding Home — A Story of Fair Housing*

Our newest children's book, *Finding Home: A Story of Fair Housing*, is making its way into homes, classrooms, and communities across the country! From Tennessee to Florida, Las Vegas, D.C., North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Mississippi, Texas, Virginia, and Nevada — the message of equity and belonging is traveling far and wide.

We're incredibly proud to see this story sparking conversations and empowering young readers to understand their right to a fair and equal place to call home.

And don't forget — our first book, *My Happy Home: A Fair Housing Adventure*, is still available and perfect for younger children. This coloring storybook introduces fair housing in a fun and engaging way, ideal for ages 2–5.

ORDER YOUR COPIES TODAY!

[Click here](#) to order the books or visit [www.fhcmm.org](http://www.fhcmm.org).

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# Upcoming Events

FREEDOM PREP—WHITEHAVEN ELEMENTARY  
PRESENTS

## LIBRARY NIGHT

Come and join us for the first library night of the 2025–2026 school year! Enjoy refreshments, sign up for a library card, and hear book readings from local authors.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2025 • 4 PM-5 PM

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MEMPHIS, TN 38116



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## Money for the Mission: Become a Fair Housing Investigator

If you are interested in becoming a fair housing tester or learning more about what testing entails and how you can contribute to our mission, scan the QR code below or call our office to register for one of our public training sessions coming up in September!

### Money for the Mission: Become a Fair Housing Investigator

Tuesday, September 16, 2025  
5:30pm-7:30pm  
Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library

### Money for the Mission: Become a Fair Housing Investigator

Thursday, September 18, 2025  
11:30am-1:30pm  
Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

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STRENGTHENING OUR NEIGHBORHOODS ONE BLOCK AT A TIME”

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## Fair Housing Tip of the Month: When Applying for a Rental – Ask About All Fees Up Front

Some landlords charge application, processing, or administrative fees that may be excessive or applied unfairly. Always ask for a FULL list of fees before applying — and keep a copy for your records. If fees seem unusually high or are applied differently to certain people, that could be a red flag.



## Policy Pulse: Know Your Rights — Families with Children

Did you know it's illegal under the Fair Housing Act to deny housing to a family because they have children under 18? This includes:

- Refusing to rent to families with children.
- Steering families with children to certain building or units.
- Placing unreasonable restrictions on children's use of common areas.

If you or someone you know has experienced this kind of treatment, contact FHCMM for assistance.

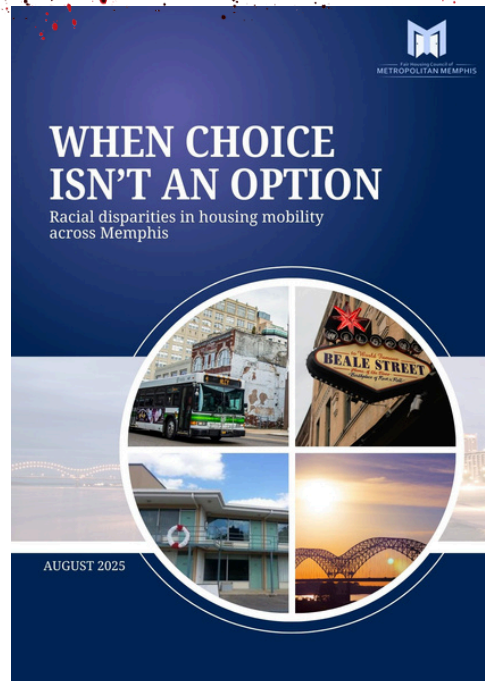


## Get Involved


Volunteer with us, host a training, or become a [Fair Housing Tester](#). Learn more at [www.fhcmm.org/events](http://www.fhcmm.org/events)

## Upcoming Events & Trainings

- Money for the Mission – September 16th @ 5:30PM | Benjamin L. Hooks Library
- Money for the Mission – September 18th @ 11:30AM | Benjamin L. Hooks Library
- Taste of Memphis – September 11th @ 5PM | Tiger Lane



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