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Upcoming Workshop Series:

FURTHERING OPPORTUNITY: HOW AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING REQUIREMENTS AFFECT YOUR COMMUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE FAIR HOUSING ACT

The Illinois Department of Human Rights, in partnership with Diversity, Inc., has been awarded a year-long grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to develop and implement a training program for Illinois' 47 entitlement communities.

The aim of the trainings will be to provide local governments with the necessary information and tools so that they can be successful in moving their communities towards stable integration. The training sessions will target municipal officials and managers, as well as fair housing advocates, housing providers, other members of the housing industry, and other community members, leaders and stakeholders, including religious and civic leaders. The goals of the training session are: 1) To publicize the HUD AFFH regulations; 2) To educate members of the community of the new requirements of the regulations; 3) To educate municipal officials, housing industry practitioners, and community members on best practices in moving towards a stable, integrated community; 4) to provide participants with an opportunity to discuss local housing issues specific to their communities, as well as possible solutions; and 5) To publicize IDHR and its resources, including educational and enforcement programs.

In addition to local governments, we would like to engage community-based organizations, housing professionals, and fair housing advocates to be a part of the conversation and assist in identifying local fair housing issues and solutions.

Workshops are FREE and open to the public. Links to event flyers will be added as details are finalized. Please refer to the schedule below to find a workshop near you!

[July 23rd Workshop flyer-Greater DeKalb/Rockford](#)

[August 20th Workshop flyer-Central Illinois](#)

Training Dates	Target Entitlement Communities
7/23/2014 Greater DeKalb/Rockford	Rockford, Rock Island, Moline, DeKalb
8/20/2014 Central Illinois	Bloomington, Danville, Pekin, Peoria, Springfield, Normal, Rantoul, Champaign, Urbana, Danville, Decatur
9/17/2014 West/Southwest Suburban	Aurora, Downers Grove, Elgin, Wheaton, DuPage County, Kane County, Naperville
10/16/2014 Metro East	East St. Louis, Madison County, St. Clair County, Belleville
11/12/2014 North Suburban	North Chicago, Waukegan, Lake County, McHenry County
12/3/2014 North/Northwest Suburban	Evanston, Skokie, Mt. Prospect, Palatine, Arlington Heights, Schaumburg, Des Plaines
1/28/2015 Chicago Area	Chicago, Cook County, Berwyn, Cicero, Oak Park, anyone who missed their community's training