



COVID-19 Update: While the coronavirus pandemic has presented us all with unexpected challenges and changes, our team has never wavered in our commitment to serve our community by working to protect and expand fair housing rights, eliminate housing segregation, and promote integrated communities. Until it is safe to gather in person again, our staff will continue to primarily work remotely, as we have done for the past four months. As a reminder, our staff can still be reached by email, or by calling our office at (216) 361-9240 and leaving a message. Our team checks email and voicemail regularly and is working diligently to respond to your messages as soon as possible.

MEET THE NEW FACES OF FAIR HOUSING

The Fair Housing Center is excited to welcome three new staff members to the team: Tanesha Hunter, our Director of Education & Outreach, Courtney Wagner, our Investigations Coordinator, and Kaylah Paul, our Research Intern. Check out the bios below to learn more about our two newest hires!



Tanesha Hunter

Director of Education & Outreach

Tanesha Hunter manages and leads the Fair Housing Center's education and outreach efforts, which includes coordinating trainings and educational programs. She promotes fair housing education by providing comprehensive overviews of fair housing law to a variety of audiences, including municipalities, real estate professionals, landlords, social workers, and consumers.

Tanesha earned her undergraduate degree in Gerontology from Bowling Green State University. She is a proud Alumnus of Cleveland State's

Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs where she received her Master of Public Administration. During her graduate studies, she was awarded the Wallace G. Teare Prize, for her advocacy for quality housing. She was also published by the ACLU for her article "No Section 8 Means No Opportunities", which highlights issues associated with Source of Income discrimination. Prior to working at the Fair Housing Center, Tanesha worked as an Administrative Manager for the City of Cleveland Department of Aging. In this role she assisted in the management of external affairs and coordination of outreach efforts.



Courtney Wagner
Investigations Coordinator

Courtney Wagner serves as the Investigations Coordinator, where she conducts client intakes, provides supports and resources, and investigates local Fair Housing Discrimination Complaints. Before joining the Fair Housing Center and moving to the area, Courtney served in various roles during her undergraduate-level career. She is an AmeriCorps Alumni, and Scholar of the Ronald E. McNair TRIO Program. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stout in 2018, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology, with a minor in Social Work. Courtney also served as an intern at the National Association of Social

Workers Wisconsin Chapter (NASW-WI), where she engaged in political advocacy, research, and lobbying at the state level.

After relocating to Northeast Ohio, Courtney received her Master of Science degree in Social Administration (MSSA) from Case Western Reserve University in May 2020. During her graduate-level career, she served as an intern with the Cleveland Housing Court's Social Service Program, and as a Systems Navigator at the Milton A. Kramer Health and Human Trafficking Clinic. She also served as an intern at the City of Cleveland's Department of Community Development, where she provided research, assistance, and policy consultation on the City's Tax Abatement Program, Source of Income (SOI) discrimination protections, and the Healthy Homes Initiative (HHI).



STAFF SHOUT-OUT

Congratulations to Ellie Kilpatrick, who recently made the transition from Investigations Coordinator to Senior Investigations Coordinator! Ellie will continue to conduct complaint intake, provide community resource referrals, manage client case work, assist in drafting administrative complaints, and inform clients and housing providers of their fair housing rights and responsibilities.

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF THE ADA

Call for Access

Kick Off Event

Virtual Rally • Community Q&A's • Live Music

Sunday, July 26 2020

Rally begins 12 pm EST

Click to register

Stream on Facebook Live and Youtube Live



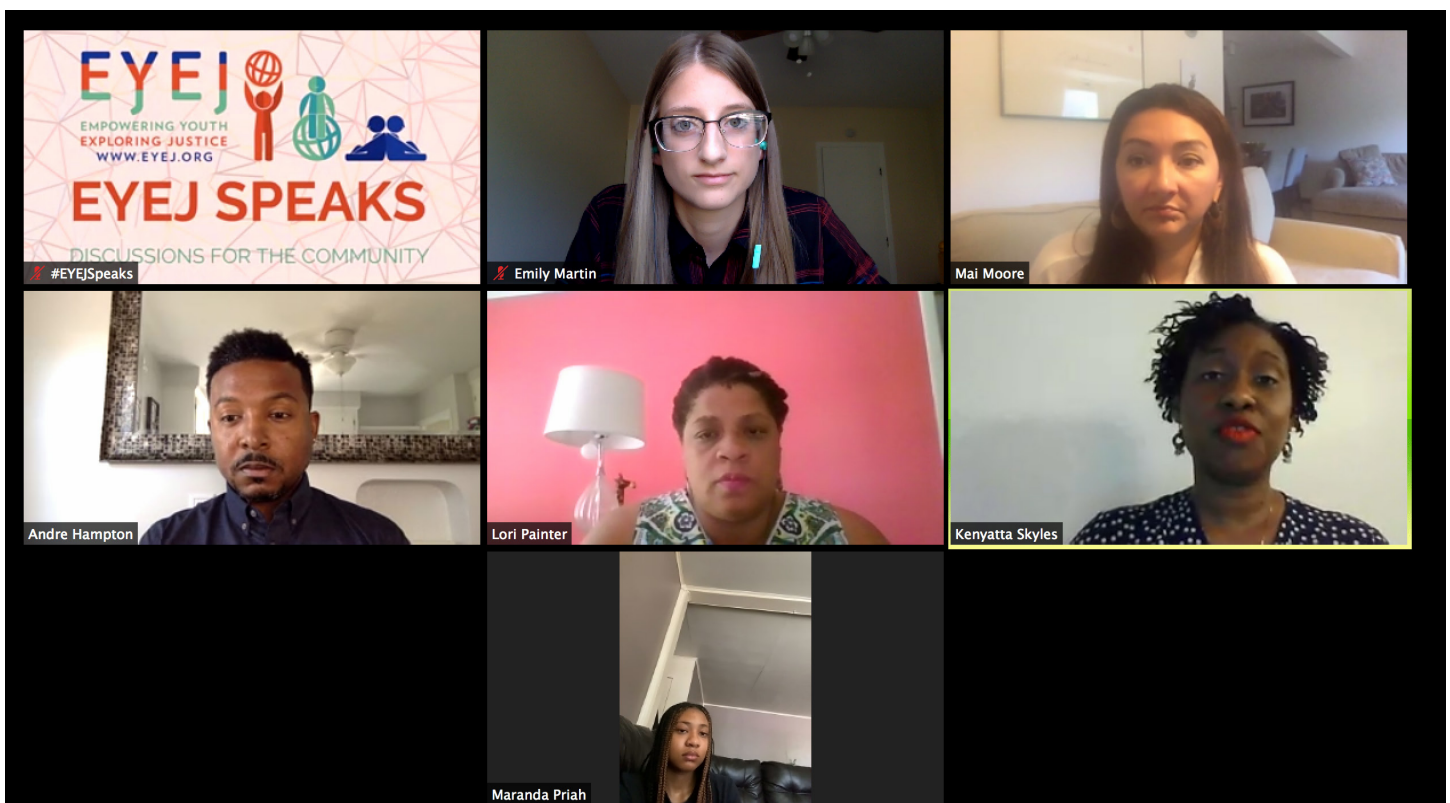
In honor of the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, ADA Cleveland is planning 30 days of virtual celebration, including workshops, advocacy, art, dance, and more! On Sunday, July 26, join ADA Cleveland for a virtual Kick Off Rally! The Kick Off Rally will feature speakers representing the legacy, current status, and future of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Enjoy community Q&A's and live music. [Register to participate](#) in the Rally on Zoom; registration is limited. You can also live stream on Facebook and YouTube.

EXPLORING CIVIL RIGHTS WITH EYEJ

The Fair Housing Center has recently partnered with [Empowering Youth, Exploring Justice \(EYEJ\)](#) by participating in EYEJ's [Y.O.D.J. series](#). Y.O.D.J. is a 12 week online Discussion Series program for 6th-8th grade youth to exchange ideas and perspectives in an online classroom with diverse and empowered community members, peers, and volunteers twice weekly. A customized copyrighted curriculum is provided to help develop social emotional learning for students by connecting youth to various resources and role models in the Cleveland area.

Our Communications & Outreach Specialist, Emily Martin, engaged with students during the Y.O.D.J. sessions focusing on civil rights, and was able to share information on fair housing, while listening to the youths' concerns, experiences, and perspectives.

Continuing the conversation on civil rights, Emily served as a guest speaker during the EYEJ Speaks Facebook Live Discussion on June 28th, alongside a diverse panel, who discussed the state of civil rights in America in 2020.



Following the discussion, Emily joined Maranda Priah and producer Andre' Hampton on the EYEJ Speak Podcast to answer viewer questions and delve deeper into the conversation on civil rights.

Listen to the podcast [here](#).

Watch the EYEJ Speaks discussion [here](#).

Also, be sure to out Emily's recent blog post [here](#), exploring how we can achieve equity through fair housing.

EMPOWER ONE HOUSING EXPO

EMPOWER One *Free Online Event!*

HOUSING EXPO & COMMUNITY DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 16TH - 10AM
TUNE IN TO 93.1 WZAK OR Z107.9'S FB LIVE!

WITH **CRA CLEVELAND REALTIST ASSOCIATION**

HOSTED BY **RO DIGGA** and **BIJOU STAR**

PARTNERS:

- MONIQUE WINSTON**, PRESIDENT, CLEVELAND REALTIST ASSOCIATION
- LYDIA POPE**, BRANCH MANAGER, NID HOUSING COUNSELING 1ST V.P. NAREB
- JENNIFER RODGERS**, COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT OFFICER, THIRD FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN

**Be sure to tune in at 10am for your chance to win your share of \$1,000! We're also giving away a flat screen TV, washer and dryer, a brand new sectional and more!*

Learn how to position yourself for generational wealth through homeownership. This online event will educate potential first-time homebuyers on how you can own a home for less than you pay in rent! Get the tools you'll need and find out how you could qualify for help with your down payment and closing costs from The Ohio Housing Finance Agency.

For more information go to wzakcleveland.com or zhiphopcleveland.com

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On Saturday, May 16, 2020, Z107.9 and the Ohio Housing Finance Agency hosted the Empower One Housing Expo & Community Day on Facebook Live. Representatives from the Cleveland Realist Association, Third Federal Savings & Loan, and the Ohio Housing Finance Agency shared important information on homeownership and what resources are available to people.

The Fair Housing Center was featured as a sponsor -- check it out on zhiphopcleveland.com: <https://bit.ly/2yCmgeE>

ABOUT THE FAIR HOUSING CENTER FOR RIGHTS & RESEARCH

The Fair Housing Center for Rights & Research (The Fair Housing Center) is a nonprofit fair housing organization whose mission is to protect and expand fair housing rights, eliminate housing discrimination, and promote integrated communities. The Fair Housing Center has been in existence for over 35 years, beginning as the Metropolitan Strategy Group in 1983.

The federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 prohibits discrimination in the sale or rental of a dwelling on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or disability. The purpose of the law is to eliminate housing discrimination and promote residential integration.

For more information visit www.thehousingcenter.org.

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