

# Idaho Legal Aid Services' New Fair Housing Portal

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Boise, Idaho – Idaho Legal Aid Services, Inc. is excited to announce the launch of a new fair housing portal for consumers, housing providers, advocates, and the general public. The creation of this portal was made possible through an education and outreach grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. As a recipient of the outreach and education grant, Idaho Legal Aid Services (ILAS) was tasked with providing free trainings to the public about the Fair Housing Act and with creating a new portal on ILAS's website devoted to fair housing. The new fair housing portal features information about the basics of the Fair Housing Act ("Act") such as who is protected and what rights are afforded under the Act; forms to assist with creating fair housing documents such as Reasonable Accommodation requests; information for housing providers to help them stay in compliance with the Act; and other information useful to the public such as recent fair housing news stories, definitions of common terms, local resources, and frequently asked questions.

Sunrise Ayers, one of the staff members who helped create the portal, stated "The primary goal we had in mind was to have this place online that could serve as a one stop shop. Someplace where you could come and learn about fair housing, or use the forms to exercise your rights under the law, or learn tips as a housing provider. We want this to be a resource that is easy to use and that genuinely helps people."

The portal's official launch date is June 29<sup>th</sup>. Idaho Legal Aid will be gathering comments and suggestions from the public for improving the site via a survey tool available on the website. To visit the new fair housing portal, go to <http://www.idaholegalaid.org/FairHousingPortal>. For more information about the Fair Housing Act, or to schedule a free fair housing training for your group, business, or agency, please call 208-345-0106.

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