

Single Black moms Fair Housing Meeting

Thursday, July 20, 2018

Roughly 10 moms present

Fair housing problems?

- Slum lords – disgusting properties
- Time frame to find housing is not long enough
- Denied housing because there was a problem verifying with previous landlord
- Many individuals felt as if the housing authority was making them feel less than and belittling them
 - One individual stated that she was denied housing because she did not currently have a job/ wasn't going to school

Places you want to live, where is there good opportunity, jobs, low poverty, etc?

- Onalaska, North side
 - Quite, jobs, place to raise a family
 - Areas next to La Crosse campus are so loud
- No grocery store on the north side

What organizations can you contact?

- There aren't many, there is a large fear of retaliation
 - "Sometimes thinking about submitting a complaint doesn't seem worth it, because I have a place to live already (thankful for that)"

What makes you stay in La Crosse?

- Crime rate is low
- Likes that children can ride their bikes/ walk to school
- It is a small enough town where you are able to get where you need

What are some aspects that could be improved/help with housing?

- High cost of living, low wages
 - No room for emergency
 - Investing in programs to help
- Programs for children on the weekend (north and south side)