If you are denied an opportunity to rent a home or apartment—or given false information about a rental—because you have children under the age of 18 in your household, you are a victim of illegal housing discrimination.

It is also illegal for landlords or other housing providers to treat in-place residents or their guests differently because they have minor children.

**SIGNS & EXAMPLES OF RENTAL HOUSING DISCRIMINATION BASED ON FAMILIAL STATUS**

- Advertising or verbal statements saying “no kids.”
- Landlord has overly restrictive occupancy limits. In most situations, California law permits two people per bedroom, plus one additional person (i.e., 5 people in a 2-bedroom home).
- You were “steered” to a downstairs unit, or your choice of units or buildings was limited because you have children.
- Community rules are so strict that “kids can’t be kids”—even when they are behaving properly (i.e. “Children cannot play outside without adult supervision at all times.”).
- Community pool is restricted to adults or has a different schedule for children.
- Landlord will not let you operate a licensed daycare facility or have foster children.
- Raising your rent because you brought a child into your household.

**IF YOU SUSPECT ILLEGAL HOUSING DISCRIMINATION BASED ON FAMILIAL STATUS**

Contact the **GBLA Fair Housing Law Project (FHLP) at Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance.**

**Phone:** 661-334-4679 or 855-746-7958 (toll free and California Relay Service)

**Email:** fairhousing@gbla.org **Website:** www.GBLAfairhousing.org

- FHLP will interview you to find out what happened and advise you of your rights and options.
- In appropriate cases, FHLP will conduct an investigation to determine if there is evidence of illegal housing discrimination.
- If FHLP’s investigation reveals evidence of housing discrimination, we can assist you in filing a complaint with the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) or the California Dept. of Fair Employment & Housing (DFEH), provide you with legal representation, attempt to resolve the matter through negotiation or landlord education, or take other appropriate steps.