



## Mental Health is Protected Under the Fair Housing Act!

Different abilities affect the way we live in different ways. If someone has a mental or physical disability, the Fair Housing Act makes it illegal to discriminate and protects the right to have some rules and structures changed to allow everyone the equal opportunity to fully use and enjoy their home.

### *Individuals with mental health differences have these same rights!*

#### **Right to a “Reasonable Accommodation”:**

A Reasonable Accommodation is a change in a policy, procedure or rule that allows tenant to fully use and enjoy housing. Some examples are: requesting a service animal, waiving a “pet fee” for a service animal or allowing a third party to make the rent payment.

#### **Right to a “Reasonable Modification”:**

A Reasonable Modification is a structural change, usually at tenant’s cost, that will allow tenant to fully use and enjoy housing. You have to *ask for* a reasonable accommodation or reasonable modification in order for it to be granted.

### **Give HOME a call if...**

- Your request has been denied;
- You would like help writing a request;
- You have any questions

Or you or someone you know has been subject to unreasonable rules, witnessed discriminatory comments, charged unreasonable fees, evicted, denied rent, refused a service animal or was treated unfairly in some other way based on his or her disability.



*Ensuring equal access to housing for all people*

