

# Save the Date!

## Statewide Fair Housing Discussion

The Vermont Department of Economic, Housing and Community Development and the CVOEO Fair Housing Project are hosting five focus groups throughout the state to discuss various factors that may impact the ability of all persons, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin, of similar income to have the same housing choices.

The state has just commenced a six month process of updating its 2006 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. This is a HUD-required report that seeks to identify the various factors that may affect fair housing choice in Vermont and to develop a five-year action plan to overcome them. Your input is critical to this process.

We are seeking input from residents, landlords, housing managers, real estate professionals, public housing authorities, planners, municipal officials, housing developers, policy makers, regulators, and members of the general public. Issues such as reasonable accommodations and modifications, the impact of exclusionary land use practices, Fair Housing Act protections and prohibitions, and more will be discussed.

We expect each focus group to be approximately two hours. *A light dinner will be provided for all participants.*

Please help us spread the word about these important events, and please encourage your staff, volunteers and clients to attend as well. **Each group will meet from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** Dates and locations as follows:

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| <b>Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Champlain Housing Trust, Burlington</b>            |
| <b>Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>Windham Housing Trust, Brattleboro</b>             |
| <b>Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>Central Vermont Community Land Trust, Barre</b>    |
| <b>Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>NeighborWorks of Western Vermont, West Rutland</b> |
| <b>Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Gilman Housing Trust, Lyndonville</b>              |

*Advanced registration is appreciated.*

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