

Decreasing Barriers to Affordable Housing

You shouldn't be discriminated against because of your source of income

SOURCE OF INCOME DISCRIMINATION

Clients That MI Landlords Typically Will Not Accept



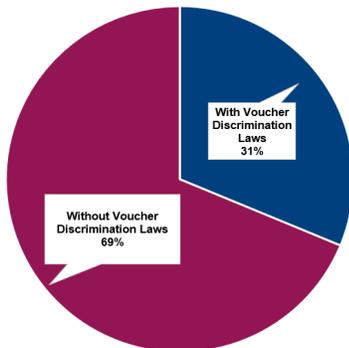
44% of MI homeless service providers said landlords typically won't rent to clients who are Housing Choice Voucher holders.¹



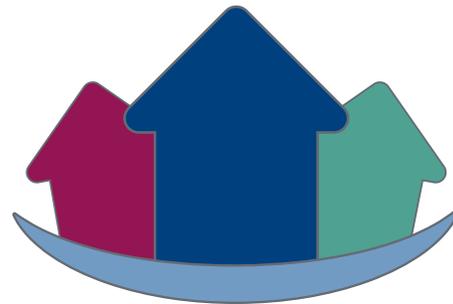
Only 1 in 3 voucher holders nationally are protected from source of income discrimination.²

PROTECTIONS HELP LOW INCOME FAMILIES

Landlord Denial Rate of Voucher Holders



Source of income protections result in fewer landlords denying voucher holders.²



Housing Choice Vouchers expand housing options to higher opportunity neighborhoods with better schools and employment opportunities.³

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Support Representative Wittenberg's source of income discrimination bill which would make it illegal for landlords to reject potential tenants based on their income, including vouchers, SSI/SSDI, veterans benefits, and any other legal form of income.



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