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50 YEARS OF FAIR HOUSING CELEBRATED THROUGH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

INDIANAPOLIS – Each year, April is celebrated around the country as Fair Housing Month. This year, the Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana (FHCCI) celebrates the month with our annual conference. The FHCCI's 6th Annual Fair Housing Conference, entitled *Celebrating 50 Years of Fair Housing*, will be held at the Marriott East in Indianapolis from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM on Wednesday, April 4, 2018. This year's conference will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the passage of the federal Fair Housing Act on April 11, 1968 as well as honor the legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who was killed 50 years ago on April 4, 1968.

The luncheon program will open with U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Anna Maria Farías. Kevin Boyle, author of *Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights and Murder in the Jazz Age*, which received the National Book Award for nonfiction, will speak at the end of the conference.

Along with the keynote speakers noted above, the conference will also feature 15 workshop options for attendees to choose from based on



Kevin Boyle

fair housing topics. These fair housing workshops will review:

- Fair Housing Hot Topics
- Fair Housing Disability Case Law Update
- Animals Needed for Disabilities
- Independent Living Frequently Asked Questions
- The Cost of Segregation
- Fair Housing in Lending and Sales
- Fair Housing and Criminal History Challenges
- Sexual Harassment in Housing
- LGBTQ+ Fair Housing Rights
- National Origin Based Housing Discrimination



Anna Maria Farías

- Evictions and Racial Bias
- Indiana General Assembly Update
- Indiana Civil Rights Commission Update
- History of Fair Housing through Racial Covenants and Redlining

An exhibit will also be present throughout the morning breaks which will include examples of Indiana racial covenants, discriminatory advertising, redlining, and historical news articles occurring prior to the passage of the federal Fair Housing Act. Photos of Dr. King will also be available for viewing. Continuing education for attorneys, social workers, and real estate have been approved.

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Agenda Overview:

8:00 AM: Registration, Continental Breakfast, & Fair Housing Exhibit Open
9:00-10:00 AM: Workshop Series 1 Options
10:00-10:15 AM: Break
10:15-11:15 AM: Workshop Series 2 Options
11:15-11:30 AM: Break
11:30 AM-12:30 PM: Workshop Series 3 Options
12:30-1:15 PM: Lunch Break
1:15-3:25 PM: Afternoon Plenary Session
 - Welcome – Amy Nelson, FHCCI
 - Anna Maria Farias, Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing & Equal Opportunity, HUD
 - Fair Housing Year in Review, Amy Nelson, FHCCI
 - Manon Bullock, Spoken Word Artist
 - Kevin Boyle, Author, *Arc of Justice*
3:30 PM: Closing Comments & Adjournment

The Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana (FHCCI) is a private, non-profit fair housing organization founded in 2011 and based in Indianapolis, Indiana. Its mission is to ensure equal housing opportunities by eliminating housing discrimination through advocacy, enforcement, education and outreach. For more information, visit: www.fhcci.org

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