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THE GULF COAST FAIR HOUSING HOSTS SPECIAL TRAINING

In honor of Women's History Month, The Gulf Coast Fair Housing Center (GCFHC) will host a special training session on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 from 4-5 p.m. for service providers to victims of domestic violence. Training will cover housing rights granted to victims under the Federal Fair Housing Act, what to do if those rights are violated or threatened, and how the Gulf Coast Fair Housing Center can help.

“Safety and security in housing is a basic human right, and because home is where women are most vulnerable to domestic violence, we want to make sure they know their rights,” says Kelli Pribanic, Education and Outreach Coordinator for GCFHC. The training is meant to educate case managers, domestic violence victims advocates, employees of nonprofits and community organizations about GCFHC as a resource and how providers can empower their clients with knowledge of Fair Housing laws.

Fair Housing laws protect individuals from discrimination based on their race, color, sex, national origin, religion, disability and/or familial status (families with children) in any housing transaction. GCFHC is dedicated to eliminating housing discrimination and furthering equal housing opportunities through education, outreach, advocacy, and enforcement of fair housing laws across the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Training will occur at the GCFHC office located at 2218-24th Avenue in Gulfport. All case managers, health care professionals, and human services workers are invited to attend. For more information or RSVP, contact the Gulf Coast Fair Housing Center at 228-396-4008 or via email at kpribanic@makeitfair.com.

The Gulf Coast Fair Housing Center (GCFHC) is a private non-profit organization. GCFHC was established by a group of concerned Gulf Coast citizens in 2003 with the help of the National Fair Housing Alliance. GCFHC is dedicated to eliminating housing discrimination and furthering equal housing opportunities through education, outreach, advocacy, and enforcement of fair housing laws across the Mississippi Gulf Coast.