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Prince William County Human Rights Office Newsletter

FOCUS

ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Civil Rights Act of 1964



We dedicate this year's first issue to the [60th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964](#). The Civil Rights Act of 1964 is a landmark piece of [legislation](#) in the United States that aimed to end discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Enacted on July 2, 1964, the Act was a culmination of the Civil Rights Movement, which sought to dismantle systemic inequality and ensure equal protection under the law. Its provisions prohibited discrimination in public accommodations, employment, and federally funded programs, making it illegal for businesses and institutions to deny service or opportunities based on the aforementioned characteristics. The Act also established the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) to enforce federal anti-discrimination laws. This legislation advanced civil rights and laid the groundwork for future equality movements, influencing various sectors of society. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 remains a vital symbol of the ongoing struggle for justice and equality in America, highlighting the importance of inclusivity and social justice.

In the News

Federal Government

Since being sworn into office on January 20th, 2025, President Donald J. Trump has signed several Executive Orders that will have an impact on Civil/Human Rights.

- [DEI Programs](#)
- [Immigration](#)
- [Birthright Citizenship](#)
- [LBTQIA+](#)

State Government

Governor Youngkin has proposed a [budget amendment](#) that mandates law enforcement and jail officials to fully comply with ICE detainers. Noncompliance results in a loss of state funding for the locality.

Universal Human Rights Day Program

Thank you to all the volunteers, attendees, and staff who braved the cold and snow to honor our [2024 Human Rights Awardees](#).



[Human Rights Student Leadership Council CoHort 9](#)

Our CoHort 9 students have been actively engaged this season! So far, they have learned about EEOC, Fair Housing, and celebrated Universal Human Rights Day. In February, they look forward to a guided discussion with Dr. McDade, Superintendent of PWCS.