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PRESS CONFERENCE FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 10:00 AM Via Zoom

$\label{thm:continue} \textbf{Housing Voucher Holders in Colorado Continue to Face Unlawful Discrimination}$

NEW STUDY FINDINGS

Housing voucher holders throughout Colorado **continue to face unlawful discrimination** based on their source of income three years after enactment of the state law banning such discrimination – and there is a **large unmet need for public education** about the provisions of the law, SB20-1332, which is administered by the Colorado Civil Rights Division. Those are two key findings of interviews with a statistically significant sample of housing voucher program managers from throughout the state released today by the Denver Metro Fair Housing Center (DMFHC). The study was conducted in collaboration with the Metropolitan State University School of Social Work.

WHAT: Briefing on the findings of the statewide survey "Addressing Source of Income Discrimination: Report of Findings from a Survey of Colorado Housing Voucher Managers," cohosted by the Denver Metro Fair Housing Center and the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless. Click here to read the report.

WHO: Spokespersons for DMFHC & the CO Coalition for the Homeless will be joined by representatives of the Colorado Poverty Law Project and the Colorado Association of Centers for Independent Living.

WHEN: 10:00AM, Friday, March 8, 2023

WHERE: Online via Zoom – register prior to meeting at:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkf-ysrTMuH9EHjXhuemMd5ArKgbuAUTP0

WHY: Continued unlawful discrimination based on source of income affects Colorado's most vulnerable residents and hampers efforts of Coloradans to transition out of homelessness.

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About Colorado Coalition for the Homeless: The mission of the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless is to work collaboratively toward the prevention of homelessness and the creation of lasting solutions for people experiencing and at-risk of homelessness throughout Colorado. The Coalition advocates for and provides a continuum of housing and a variety of services to improve the health, well-being and stability of those it serves. Learn more at www.coloradocoalition.org.