
MISSION STATEMENT

The New Jersey Human Relations Council was created by the New Jersey Legislature in 1997 to “promote prejudice reduction, education and address the problem of bias and violent acts based on the victim’s race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender or disability.” The Council is a permanent, independent body in but not of the Department of Law and Public Safety.

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The New Jersey Human Relations Council meets bi-monthly. Please contact us for more information or check the Council website.

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DUTIES

The main focus of the Council is to develop policy proposals, make recommendations to governmental entities and develop policies and procedures for programs for the State and assist with the coordinating efforts to promote “prejudice-reduction” and prevent and deter crimes based upon a victim’s race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or physical, mental or cognitive disability.

When the need arises, the Council steps in to assist the County and Municipal Commissions in diffusing tensions within the community and provide conciliation assistance. All activities are conducted in confidence and without publicity.

The most productive ways the Council assists the people of the State of New Jersey is through training to the local, county and other interested community leaders. The Council can work with agencies such as the Division on Civil Rights, State Police, Division of Criminal Justice, and the educational community, to provide cultural diversity training to members of the county human relations commissions and other interested community leaders.

The Council also acts as a clearinghouse for information and program ideas among the municipal and county Commissions in existence.

The Council also helps local communities establish human relations commissions.

COUNCIL MEMBERS & OFFICERS

The Council consists of an executive committee comprised of 10 public members representative of various racial, ethnic, gender and religious backgrounds. Two members of the General Assembly, two members of the Senate, seven representatives from the county human relations commissions and 15 ex-officio members.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

There are 5 standing committees that are tasked with developing strategies and projects to accomplish the goal of the Council.

- Education Committee
- Community Outreach Committee
- Law Enforcement and Community Relations Committee
- Policy and Reports Committee
- Human Relations Commissions Liaison Committee
- Special Committees

ADVISORY BOARD

The Advisory Board was created to offer advice and assistance to the Council in carrying out its mission. Council members are selected by a majority vote of the Council and the term is one year. The Board meets before the Council at their bi-monthly meetings and discusses issues within their communities and they provide recommendations to the council regarding activities, projects and goals that best assist the Council.

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