



## **A NEW SERVICE FOR ALL MEMBERS: FAIR HOUSING HOTLINE**

***(914) 428-4507 ext. 374 (10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Mon.-Fri., except holidays)***

We are pleased to announce a new service provided by Westchester Residential Opportunities, Inc. (WRO) for the members of WPAR and EAMLS. Have you ever been unsure about whether distributing a particular kind of school district information could land you in fair housing trouble? Have you encountered uncertainty over a landlord's claims about "overcrowding" trumping the needs of your customer's family with kids? Have you ever needed a quick answer regarding senior housing? Inevitably a practicing Realtor is going to have a situation or a question about equal opportunity practices that he or she is unsure of.

Our new service is a hotline that you can contact for information and assistance whether you encounter a problem or you just need some advance information about a particular aspect of fair housing or equal opportunity. It's a bit like NYSAR's Legal Hotline, if you've ever used that valuable service, except that it's targeted to fair housing issues. WRO has tremendous expertise in this subject matter. They're not going to be your lawyer or your advocate in any way, but they will give you their best interpretation of your situation, and possibly refer you for further counseling to one of their specialists or other resource. Your conversations with WRO will be private, by the way, and will not be shared with WPAR; WRO will provide us from time to time with reports about the kinds of questions being asked (so we know where to target education in the future) but we will never be told who is calling.

The hotline is a **FREE** benefit of membership in the Westchester Putnam Association of Realtors. We have partnered with WRO to bring it to you because we want to see the very best fair housing practices in our service area. Our Association has a longstanding, cooperative relationship with WRO and we know from experience that they understand the daily practice of real estate and what you face in the real world. If you'd like to learn more about WRO you can visit their web site, [www.wroinc.org](http://www.wroinc.org). We hope this service will be of use to you. Please post the phone number to your important contacts list right away, and be aware that it is also posted on [wpar.com](http://wpar.com) and [eamls.com](http://eamls.com).