

A Constitutional Priority

The Michigan Constitution of 1963 provides that:

"No person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws; nor shall any person be denied the enjoyment of his civil or political rights or be discriminated against in the exercise thereof..."

The Constitution tasks the Civil Rights Commission with the duty to:

"investigate alleged discrimination against any person . . . in the enjoyment of the civil rights guaranteed by law and by this constitution, and to secure the equal protection of such civil rights without such discrimination."

Michigan Civil Rights Protections



• Michigan Law Currently Prohibits Discrimination

- In Employment, Education, Housing, Public Accommodation, Law Enforcement or Public Service
- Based on religion, race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age (1), marital status (1), height (2), weight (2), arrest record (2), genetic information (2), and family status (3)

Persons With Disabilities Act Provides Equal Access

 Provides persons with disabilities with the same opportunities as everyone else to housing, the workplace, public places, and in interactions with government.

(1) Under the education article, age and material status are prohibited considerations for admissions only

Michigan Civil Rights Commission



- Only Commission in the country to be a part of the Constitution
- 8 members, appointed by the Governor, with advice and consent of the senate, to serve 4 year teams (no more than 4 from any one party)
- · Establishes policy
- Selects the Executive Director of the Department
- Decides contested cases

⁽²⁾ In employment only

⁽³⁾ In housing only

Department Responsibilities



- Supports & Reports to the Civil Rights Commission
- Investigation & Resolution of Discrimination Complaints
 - EEOC & HUD -Federal Contracts
 - Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act (Act 453 of 1976)
 - Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act (Act 220 of 1976)
- Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver Program
- Division on Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing (DODDBHH)
- Michigan Women's Commission (MWC)
- Advocates and Leaders for Police and Community Trust (ALPACT)
- Interagency Migrant Services Committee (IMSC)
- · ADA Compliance (Title II)
- Service Animal Program
- Outreach and Education (Internal & External Training)

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Michigan Department of Civil Rights



Department Structure

· Department of Civil Rights (Detroit, Lansing & Grand Rapids)

Operational Structure

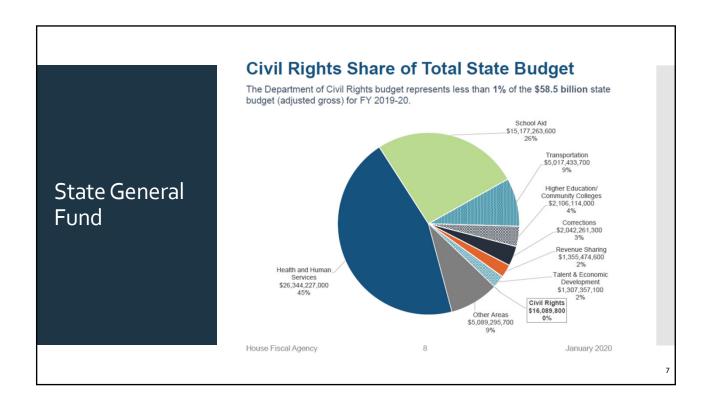
- · Executive Office
- Enforcement Division, Law and Policy Division and Public Affairs Division

· Revenue and Budget

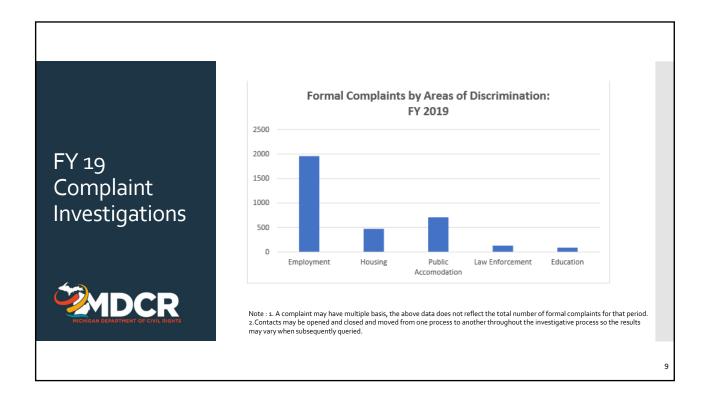
- · FY 2021 Recommended Budget: \$16,787,400
- \$13,542,200 in **General Fund**
- \$3,245,200 Federal Revenue (HUD⁽¹⁾ & EEOC⁽²⁾)

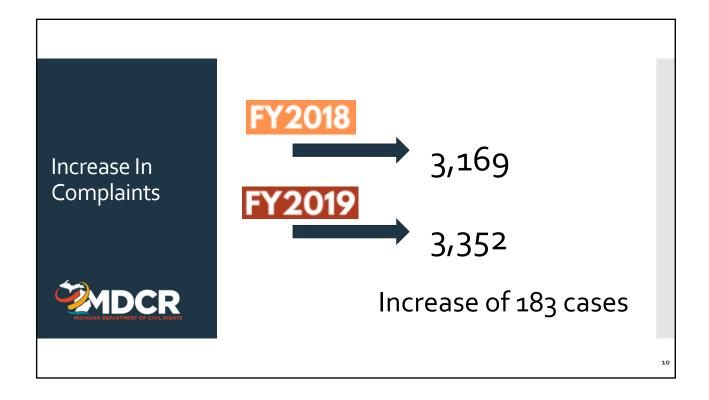
(1) United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

⁽²⁾ United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission









Initiatives:

Education & Skills

Health & Families



Commission

- K-12 Education Report (Based on 5 Statewide Community Hearings
- 2020 Enumeration Study for Migrant & Seasonal Farmworkers (Last study 2013)

Key Task Forces

- Environmental Justice Response Team
- Michigan Poverty Task Force
- Member of the Interagency Migrant Service Committee

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Outreach

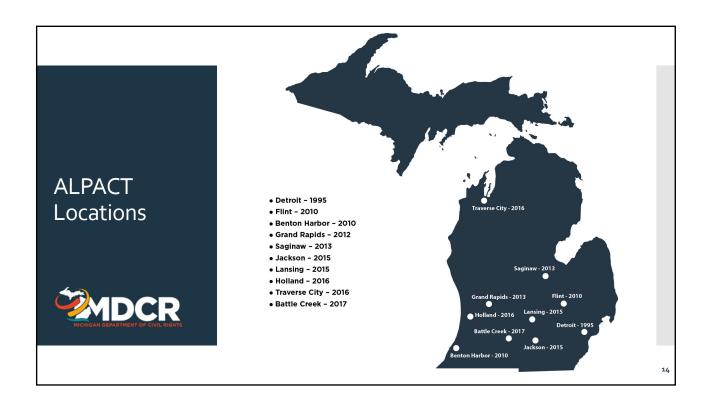
- Fourth (4^{th}) statewide ALPACT co-chair meeting took place in the Fall 2019
- MDCR is increasing local participation in areas where the Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation enterprise intersect with the mission of ALPACT in four TRHT locations: Flint, Lansing, Kalamazoo and Battle Creek to increase involvement of local enforcement Racial Equity
- Training and education Internal and external
- MDCR and MDE Cohort
- Racial Equity Toolkit
- State Council for Local Governments & Education on Equity & Inclusion



Advocates and Leaders for Police and Community Trust (ALPACT)

 The mission of ALPACT is to improve trust between law enforcement and the community. Participants include community leaders and members, U.S. Attorney's Office, Michigan State Police and local law enforcement.

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Continuous Internal Improvement



IT Infrastructure

Launch in March 2020 a Civil Rights Information System (CRIS), an agency-wide customer relationship management (CRM) to replace current system (CMS), over 20 years old.

• address the requirements of enforcement, community engagement, and educational services and obligations.

Consolidation of Detroit Office Space

Designed to improve infrastructure for modern offices with updated technology allowing for further efficiencies for better customer services to be completed by December 2020.

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FY 2021 Governor's Recommendation Summary



Fiscal Year 2020 Appropriation

\$16,388,300

Fiscal Year 2021 Recommendation

\$16,787,400

