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**Fair Housing Seminar for Persons Who are Differently Abled**

(Fayetteville, N.C.) — The Fayetteville-Cumberland Human Relations Department will host a training session “Fair Housing for Deaf and Hard of Hearing” as part of its community outreach and education efforts on Saturday, June 23, 2018.  The session will include a lecture with question and answer session, and American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters. Topics will include, but are not limited to:

* Fair Housing protections for persons who are differently abled;
* How to respond to perceived discriminatory actions; and
* Fair housing education networking opportunities.

The program will take place on Saturday, June 23, 2018 at 10:00 am at the Department of Social Services Rooms A and B, 1225 Ramsey St, Fayetteville, NC 28301. For further information or to RSVP, please contact the Human Relations Department at (910) 433-1696 or via email at [humanrelations@ci.fay.nc.us](mailto:humanrelations@ci.fay.nc.us). RSVP no later than Monday, June 18, 2018. Please specify if other than an ASL interpreter is needed. This event is free and open to the public. Members of the public are requested to park in Parking Lots A, B and C along the Hillsboro Street; overflow parking will be in Lots D, E and F (to the north side of the building).

The discussion will be facilitated by Human Relations Department Manager Yamile Nazar. A nationally recognized subject matter expert, Ms. Nazar has presented at state and national human relations and human rights professional conferences.  She has provided expert counsel on human relations issues to elected and appointed officials, senior organizational management, and community leaders. Ms. Nazar is a graduate of the National Fair Housing Training Academy, the premier learning center for fair housing and civil rights, sponsored and funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and has also completed continuing training at numerous National Association of Human Rights Workers conferences. Her educational background also includes a bachelor’s degree in management from Long Island University and has completed graduate work in public administration from the same institution.