

# **South Carolina Human Affairs Commission**



## **Community Relations Council CRC Training for Government Leaders**

*Making a Difference Today, Impacting Futures Tomorrow*

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In order to have a winner, the team must have a feeling of unity; every player must put the team first — ahead of personal glory.

Paul Bryant

# Community Relations Council

## *Training for Government Leaders*

### **Training Objective**

This training provides local, county and state government and community leaders with an overview of the best practices that are being applied in counties within the state of South Carolina for the purpose of building Community Relations Councils.

### **Overview**

The training will focus heavily on “why” local leaders should assist in the development and support of a Community Relations Council (CRC) in their county. Training will consist of overarching information about who should be on a CRC and how it could benefit the local community. Training also includes how local communities can develop a Community Relations Council.

### ***Government Leaders will:***

- Check in and network
- Review SC Human Affairs Commission’s Mission and services provided
- Understand the definition and role of a Community Relations Council
- Explore how to establish a CRC to “do the work” in their community  
***(Who should be included in their CRC)***
- Discuss the structure, role and responsibilities of a Community Relations Council ***(Requirements of a CRC Member)***
- Benefits of having a CRC and working closely with SCHAC
- Requirements of local government in support of a CRC
- Explore next steps for establishing a CRC

	<b>Agenda</b>
	Welcome / Agenda Overview
	Introductions
	SCHAC Mission & Services / CRC Mission
	Who should be included in your CRC
	Requirements of a CRC member
	Benefits of having a CRC and working closely with SCHAC
	Requirements of the local government in support of a CRC
	CRC Next Steps
	Questions & Concerns
	Now let us work together to improve the quality of life in your County!
	Evaluation & Closing

**Community Relations is the fostering of better relationships within a diverse community through organized efforts to bring together a cross-section of people to foster goodwill and mutual understanding.**

## CHAPTER 65

# South Carolina Human Affairs Commission

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Chapter 13 of Title 31; Section 31-21-100(1)

### Subchapter 1

### Human Affairs Law

#### **65–40. Minimum Requirements.**

Any local Community Relations Council wishing to be officially recognized by the State Human Affairs Commission must meet the following minimum requirements:

- 1) Each council must be composed of at least five (5) or more citizens organized for the purpose of promoting harmony, bettering human affairs, and encouraging fair treatment for, and fostering mutual understanding and respect among, all local citizens.
- 2) Each council should have the written endorsement of the mayor, city or county council, announcing support for the council's programs and objectives.
- 3) Any local council which is unable to obtain the express endorsement of its local government must have a membership of at least fifteen (15) or more local citizens.
- 4) Each council's membership should be representative of the community at large with a fair representation of all racial and ethnic groups, and a fair representation by sex.
- 5) Each council wishing to be recognized by the State Human Affairs Commission shall send to the Commission's Community Relations Division a copy of the council's bylaws or other documents creating the council, wherein the purpose of the council is clearly set forth; a copy of the written endorsement of the mayor, city or county council; a list of the council's executive officers; and a statement setting forth the racial and sexual composition of the council's membership.

***Community Relations refers to the  
nature of relationships  
between members of a community.***

## **SC HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION COMMUNITY RELATIONS DIVISION**

The Community Relations Division was created to encourage local resolution of local problems and to foster better community relations throughout the State of South Carolina. The Community Relations Division serves as a resource for South Carolinians to seek solutions to problems encountered due to social or institutionalized practices that have a divisive impact.

*The Community Relations Division works toward*

***Promoting***

Mutual learning, Cooperation, and Development among diverse citizens

***That supports***

Harmony, goodwill and the betterment of human affairs

***Through the use of***

A systems approach that promotes constructive and collaborative patterns of engagement, advice and support for key contributors to the quality of community life, including community relations.

### ***Quality of Community Life means...***

The extent to which the functioning and state of a community maximizes the most amount of well-being and satisfaction for the most citizens, while addressing the reasonable rights, interests and needs of individuals, minorities, groups, future generations and the natural environment (*within the resource constraints of the community*).

### ***What defines the quality of life?***

Quality of life is defined as “the individual's perception of their position in life in the context of the culture and value systems in which they live and in relation to their goals.”

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**The community quality of life approach focuses on the perceptions of community members of what makes life good or not good for them.**

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Thank you for attending!

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