



LAES has developed a series of immigrant issue instructional modules entitled "Tierra de Oportunidad" for orientation to our complex society.

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## Renting a Place to Live

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You are part of a very active neighborhood group which has decided to put out a monthly newsletter. You have been asked to be the columnist who will respond to letters sent in by readers. This month's theme is housing issues. The following letters have been sent to you for answers. You have to select three of the six sent in on the housing theme to put in your column along with your response.

Dear \_your name-,

I have just learned that my landlord wants to put me out. I don't think he can. I have lived here for three years and have paid my rent on time. Last month, I let my cousin and her children stay with me. She is a very nice lady and her children do not disturb anyone. What can I do?

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Dear \_your name-,

I have spoken to my landlord many times about the leaking roof. It has been raining a lot this month and the leak has just gotten worse! He still hasn't fixed it and the water is ruining my carpet. Can you help?

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Dear \_your name-,

Sandy, my girlfriend, has been looking for a place for a while. She read in the paper about a small place which seemed perfect for her. The newspaper said it was available right away. We drove by to look at it and she really liked it. It had a for rent sign on the window and when we went in to see about it the man told us it was rented already. We went by again a couple of days later and the sign was still in the window. We think that he doesn't want to rent to Sandy because she can't speak English that well. Could you please tell us what we can do?


Dear \_your name-,

I just want to know why I was not given the apartment I applied for. I have had good credit for two years and I have paid my rent on time. I feel that the landlord must not want me in his apartment. What do you think?


Dear \_your name-,

I can not read English very well. I went to rent an apartment and the landlord said I could have it but I had to sign this paper he called a rental agreement. I want the apartment, but I do not know why I have to sign this paper. I am not sure what it says or what it means. Should I just sign it? Where can I go to get help?


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