Civil Rights in the Child Care Food Program (CCFP)



Why is Civil Rights important?

Ensures equal access to the Child Care Food Program



What is Discrimination?

The act of distinguishing one person or group of persons from others, either intentionally, by neglect, or by the effect of actions or lack of actions based on their protected classes



Six Protected Classes

- Race
- Color
- National Origin
- Age
- Sex
- Disability



Public Notification System Nondiscrimination Statement

Include the nondiscrimination statement on all publications, including web sites, that inform the public about the CCFP.

(Examples of where this is found: News Release, "And Justice for All" poster, "Building for the Future" letter, any CCFP materials provided to the public)



Public Notification System Nondiscrimination Statement

Minimum Statement: (use only if limited space is available)

"This institution is an equal opportunity provider" or "The Child Care Food Program is an equal opportunity provider."



Data Collection and Reporting

Each Sponsor is required to collect racial/ethnic data and maintain the data on file for three years plus the current year.

This information is reported on the provider review forms.



Data Collection and Reporting

The purpose is to:

- Determine how effectively FNS programs are reaching potential eligible persons and beneficiaries
- Identify areas where additional outreach is needed
- Complete reports, as required

Complaints

Right to File a Complaint: Any person alleging discrimination based on race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability has a right to file a complaint within 180 days of the alleged

Complaints:

- Written or verbal

discriminatory action.

 Anonymous complaints are handled as any other complaint



Filing Complaints

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (Voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer



Questions??