



Reply to

Attn. of: MPRO SP 01-2016 (revised 10-22-2015)

Subject: Departmental Regulation (DR) 4300-003, Equal Opportunity Public Notification Policy

To: STATE AGENCY DIRECTORS – Colorado ED, Colorado DPHE, Iowa, Kansas,
(Special Nutrition Programs) Missouri ED, Missouri DHSS, Montana OPI,
Montana DPHHS, Nebraska, North Dakota, South
Dakota, Utah and Wyoming

On June 2, 2015, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights' Policy staff, released Departmental Regulation (DR) 4300-003, Equal Opportunity Public Notification Policy. The DR updates the Nondiscrimination Statement and the "*And Justice For All*" poster.


The DR, which includes the Nondiscrimination Statement language for our programs, can be found at; <http://www.ocio.usda.gov/document/departamental-regulation-4300-003>. New "*And Justice For All*" posters are in the design/printing phase. Posters will be shipped directly to States when printed based on the orders received by each regional office in September. A timeline for distribution cannot be determined until printing commences.

Attached is the revised 2015 Nondiscrimination Statement (NDS) to be used for all Child Nutrition Programs. All documents, pamphlets, websites, etc. should be updated as follows:

1. Websites must be updated by November 20, 2015;
2. Documents, pamphlets, brochures, etc. using NDS language prior to 2013 must be updated by December 31, 2015;
3. Documents, pamphlets, brochures, etc. using 2013 NDS language should be updated when supplies are exhausted or by September 30, 2016; or
4. All new printing must use the 2015 NDS.

Please provide this information to your School Food Authorities, local agencies and subrecipients.

If you have questions, please contact our office at (303) 844-0354.


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Attachment

USDA Nondiscrimination Statement

For all other FNS nutrition assistance programs, State or local agencies, and their subrecipients, must post the following Nondiscrimination Statement:

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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