

# Horizons Unlimited Child and Adult Care Food Program 2016 Annual Recordkeeping Training

### 1. Serving meals which meet the CACFP meal patterns

CACFP meal requirements are determined by the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) to meet the nutritional needs of the infant/child. Meals and snacks must meet the USDA component and quantity requirements. (See included Meal Pattern Charts.)

#### Availability of Drinking Water

Water should be made available for children to drink upon their request, including during mealtimes. While drinking water must be made available during meal times; it is not part of the meal and cannot be served instead of milk. Milk should be served with the meal and water should also be available.

The Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommend that water be consumed daily. It is important to not serve too much water at mealtimes to young children because they can fill up on it and then not get enough of the nutrients they need. Try offering water at snack instead of juice along with 2 creditable components.

#### Shelf-Stable Food Safety

Shelf-Stable means foods that can be safely stored at room temperature, or "on the shelf." USDA states that **shelf-stable**, **dried snacks** made from meat, poultry, or seafood are not creditable as a meat or meat alternative.

Examples of non-creditable meat snacks would include but not be limited to: **smoked snack sticks** made with beef and chicken, summer sausage and pepperoni sticks, **meat**, **poultry or seafood jerky** such as beef jerky, turkey jerky, and salmon jerky, and **meat or poultry nuggets** (the non-breaded, dried meat or poultry snack made similar to jerky) such as turkey nuggets.

#### CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements are specific for two age groups:

- Children ages birth through 11 months are *infants*.
- Children ages 1 year through 12 years are *children*.

#### Infant meal patterns depend on:

- Their age in the first year
- State of physical development
- Recommendation of the <u>infant's doctor</u>
- <u>Breast milk</u> the mother provides *OR* <u>iron fortified infant formula</u> (IFIF) offered by the child care provider or parent

For *infants 0 through 7 months* iron fortified infant formula (IFIF) is the only requirement for any meal or snack.

- When the child is developmentally ready, iron fortified infant cereal (IFIC) must be offered at breakfast;
- IFIC and a solid fruit or vegetable must be offered at lunch or dinner

At the *8 through 11 month* age group all foods are required as listed below at meals. A cracker or bread at snack time is optional.

- Breakfast iron fortified infant cereal, plain fruit or vegetable, iron fortified formula or breast milk
- **Lunch/Dinner** iron fortified infant cereal, and/or plain meat/meat alternate, plain fruit or vegetable, iron fortified infant formula or breast milk
- **Snack** iron fortified infant formula, breast milk or 100% fruit juice, optional bread or cracker when developmentally ready.

If an infant is not ready for a required food, the infant's doctor needs to state this in writing and suggest other options. This diet statement must include the food that is to be eliminated from the infant's diet and what food should be served in its place. This documentation (Diet Statement) may be submitted along with the enrollment form.

The decision of who will supply the formula must be documented on the *Enrollment Form*. The provider must be willing to offer one type of iron fortified formula. The parent should choose to accept or decline this type. *The Enrollment Form must be sent to the Horizons Unlimited, Inc. office,* indicating who supplies the formula. If a parent chooses to provide any semi-solid or solid foods the parent shall send a signed and dated note indicating what foods will be provided by the parent to the Horizons office.

#### Meal Pattern for children ages 1 through 12 years are specific for each meal.

The required are listed below. **REMINDER:** Milk served in the CACFP must be consistent with the most recent version of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. The 2010 Dietary Guidelines recommend that persons over 2 years of age consume fat-free (skim) or low-fat (1%) milk. **Milk served in CACFP to children 2 years or older** must be: fat-free or low-fat milk or low-fat lactose reduced milk, fat-free or low-fat lactose free milk, fat-free or low-fat buttermilk, or fat-free or low-fat acidified milk. Milk served must be pasteurized and may or may not be flavored. Whole milk and reduced-fat milk (2%) milk may **not** be served to children 2 years of age and older.

The requirement for **children under the age of two** remains the same. Whole milk or reduced-fat milk (2%) may be offered to children between the ages of 1-2 years.

- Breakfast components include: Milk; Fruit, Vegetable or 100% Juice; Grain/Bread.
- Lunch or Dinner components include: Milk; Meat/Meat Alternate; two servings of Fruit, Vegetable, or 100% Juice; Grain/Bread.
- **Snack components** require two of the four components: Milk; Meat/Meat Alternate; Grain/Bread; Fruit/Vegetable.

## **MEAL PATTERN FOR INFANTS**

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BREAKFAST	birth through 3 months		4 through 7 months	8 through 11 months
Breast milk or formula Iron fortified infant formula	4 - 6 fluid oz. breast milk or iron fortified infant formula		4 - 8 fluid oz. breast milk or iron fortified infant formula	6 - 8 fluid oz. breast milk or iron fortified infant formula
Infant cereal Iron fortified, dry, plain, infant cereal			When developmentally ready 0 - 3 Tbsp.	2 - 4 Tbsp.
Fruit and/or vegetable Plain fruit and/ or vegetable				1 - 4 Tbsp.
SNACK				
Breast milk or formula Iron fortified infant formula	4 - 6 fluid oz. breast milk or iron fortified infant formula		4 - 6 fluid oz. breast milk or iron fortified infant formula	2 - 4 fluid oz. breast milk OR iron fortified infant formula, OR full strength (100% fruit juice)
Bread or crackers  Made from whole grain or enriched flour				When developmentally ready 0 - 1/2 slice bread, or 0 - 2 crackers
LUNCH OR SUPPER				
Breast milk or formula Iron fortified infant formula	4 - 6 fluid oz. breast milk or iron fortified infant formula		4 - 8 fluid oz. breast milk or iron fortified infant formula	6 - 8 fluid oz. breast milk or iron fortified infant formula
Infant cereal Iron fortified, dry, plain, infant cereal, OR			When developmentally ready 0 - 3 Tbsp.	2 - 4 Tbsp. OR
Meat or meat alternate Plain meat, fish, poultry, egg yolk Cooked dry beans or dry peas OR				1 - 4 Tbsp. OR
Cheese OR				1/2 - 2 oz. OR
cottage cheese				2-4 Tbsp.
cheese food, cheese spread				1 - 4 oz.
Fruit and/or vegetable Plain fruit and/ or vegetable			When developmentally ready 0 - 3 Tbsp.	1 - 4 Tbsp.

## **MEAL PATTERN FOR CHILDREN**

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1/2 serving	1/2 serving	1 serving
1/4 cup	1/4 cup	1/2 cup
1/2 cup	1/2 cup	1 cup
1/2 cup	1/2 cup	3/4 cup
1/2 ounce	1/2 ounce	1 ounce
1/4 cup or 2 ounces	3/8 cup or 3 ounces	1/2 cup or 4 ounce
1/2 egg	1/2 egg	1/2 egg
1/8 cup	1/8 cup	1/4 cup
1 tablespoon	1 tablespoon	2 tablespoon
1/2 ounce	1/2 ounce	1 ounce
1/4 cup or 2 ounces	1/4 cup or 2 ounces	1/2 cup or 4 ounce
1/2 ounce	1/2 ounce	1 ounce
1/2 slice	1/2 slice	1 slice
1/2 serving	1/2 serving	1 serving
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1/4 cup  2 tablespoons  1/2 ounce = 50%  1/2 cup or 4 ounces  1/4 cup total  1/2 slice	3/8 cup  3 tablespoons  3/4 ounce = 50%  3/4 cup or 6 ounces  1/2 cup total  1/2 slice  1/3 cup or 1/2 ounce	1/2 cup  4 tablespoons  1 ounce = 50%  1 cup or 8 ounces  3/4 cup total  1 slice  3/4 cup or 1 ounces
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## 2. Taking accurate meal counts

- Menus and meal counts must be recorded on Horizons approved forms by the end of each business day. Meal counts may not be recorded in advance.
- A current Child Enrollment Form or Annual Enrollment Renewal Form must be on file for each child enrolled for child care. This includes part time, drop in and before/after school care. Normal days, meals and times of attendance must be included.
- o Child care attendance records must be up to date and available at the home visit to complete the Horizons Unlimited CACFP 5 day reconciliation.
- o Each child may be claimed for two meals and one snack **OR** one meal and two snacks per day. If you are using manual forms, extra meals should be recorded on the yellow copy. If claiming online all meals can be recorded. Only days/meals with prior approval may be claimed. Be sure to call our office if you want to request an additional meal or snack for approval. The additional meal or snack must be within your approved hours of operation.
- o All menus and meal counts must be available for review by Horizons Unlimited, Inc., WI DPI or the USDA at the childcare home during hours of operation. *Meal counts* are the number of meals served by type (breakfast, lunch, dinner or snack) to all enrolled children, recording by child name each day.
- If you will be away during an approved meal time or if you will be closed during the child care's official hours of business, notify the Horizons office by voice mail, email or fax in advance to avoid meals being disallowed.
- o Your **own children or foster children** may be claimed if they meet income guidelines and a nonresidential child is present and participating in the same meal or snack. If you meet income guidelines, your own children must be present and participating with the day care children to be reimbursed. **Provider and all parent income applications expire June 30th** of each year (except School and Census eligible areas). A new packet is sent for providers to renew their household eligibility status and to request income applications for their parents to complete.
- The number of children attending the child care and the number of children claimed for reimbursement cannot exceed authorized capacity as stated on your license or certification.
- o The CACFP Application and Agreement, Attendance records, CACFP enrollment forms, menus and meal counts must be kept on file onsite in the home for the current month plus the prior 12 months, with the remaining 24 months of records on file and readily assessable.

## 3. Submitting accurate meal claims

The following criteria are important for accurate meal and snack claims. Failure to do the following may result in *lower reimbursement or loss of payment*.

- Only meal and snack types approved by Horizons and served during your regulated hours of operation may be claimed. Be sure to call our office if you want to request an additional meal or snack for approval. The meal or snack must be within your approved hours of operation.
- o Children must have a **current enrollment** form or annual Enrollment Renewal Form on file at the Horizons Unlimited office.
- Meals and snacks must meet the meal pattern requirement. (Submitting a Diet Statement may be needed if the meal pattern cannot be met.)
- o If more than one adult is needed to meet child/staff ratios, timesheets for all adults included in the child/staff ratio need to be sent with your claim.
- o Infant meals (children under one year) must be recorded on the appropriate Infant Menu.
- Signed claims must be postmarked or electronically submitted by the 3rd of each month or it may be processed the following month. This could delay your check up to 2 months. If you are submitting on line, clicking on the submit button confirms your signature.
- Use only a black or blue ink pen on the manual forms. Colored inks and highlighters are difficult to read.
- Include any new Enrollment Forms, and Diet Statements if applicable.
- o Your **State Child Care License or County Certificate** must be kept up to date in the office along with any updated restrictions. Please remember to submit all changes (name change, address change) and new certification / license to insure that you receive proper payment. Do not rely on Certifiers or Licensors to keep us informed of changes.
- If you provide child care on a holiday special documentation is needed:
   If you claim online:
  - Record any holiday care in the provider calendar.

If you claim using paper forms:

Record holiday care provided on the meal count or menu.

## 4. How Horizons Unlimited, Inc. provider's monthly claims are reviewed.

A monthly claim is the information a provider submits to Horizons to process for reimbursement.

- o The complete monthly claim must be postmarked or electronically submitted by the 3rd of each month to the Horizons Unlimited, Inc. office. Forms are dated on the day of arrival into the Horizons Unlimited, Inc. office. Reimbursement for claims postmarked after the 3rd of the month may be delayed up to 2 months. Please mail claims promptly.
- Be sure to put your return address and enough postage on the claim envelope.
- The claim must be submitted in its entirety; regular and infant menus, meal counts, child enrollment forms, timesheets and diet statements if applicable. If submitting online be sure to mail new child enrollment forms, timesheets and diet statements if applicable.
- Horizons Unlimited employees review each claim when it is submitted to the office. The following items are checked:
  - Whether it is a current or late claim.
  - > If child enrollment forms are included for new children.
  - ➤ The Certification/License with any restrictions is up to date and on file.
  - ➤ That authorized capacity, days of operation, ages of children served, approved meals/snacks are claimed appropriately.
  - > Number of meal/snacks claimed per child is within program limits.
  - > Tier status of the provider and/or enrolled children is reimbursed correctly.
  - ➤ The Provider signature is on the meal count. For online claims the submission is considered the electronic signature.
  - Meal pattern requirements are met.
  - Compare claim to any home visits and household contacts.

When necessary some meals, snacks, or specific child meals may be disallowed if they do not meet the required elements. If a claim is submitted early (before all meals are served) those meals will be disallowed. A menu review letter along with a newsletter will be mailed or emailed each month. Online claiming providers can review the Office Error Report in their KIDS program.

### 5. The program's reimbursement system

The CACFP is a USDA reimbursement program to assist regulated home child care providers in meeting the nutritional needs of infants and children while in their care.

#### To receive reimbursement:

- o The provider submits meal counts, menus, new child enrollment forms, diet statements if needed, timesheets if needed, updated license or certification after the last meal service of the month. These forms need to be either postmarked or electronically submitted to the Horizons Unlimited, Inc. office by the 3rd of the month.
- o CACFP employees review all information submitted.
- o Horizon employees process each claim and provide a menu review letter or Office Error Report which includes meals disallowed and the reason.
- Direct deposits are made payable to the individual child care provider enrolled in the Horizon CACFP. Direct deposits are made the first Monday of the month. For example: A January claim is reimbursed by direct deposit the first Monday of March.
- o A provider can submit a late claim or request an adjustment to an already paid claim up to 45 days after the last day of the claiming month to be eligible for reimbursement. Late claims and adjustments are reimbursed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month and three months after the claiming month. For example: A late claim for March or a request for an adjustment to the March claim must be submitted or requested no later than May 15 to receive reimbursement. Reimbursement would be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of June.

#### Upon receipt of your reimbursement:

- o Providers should verify meal totals paid with meal totals submitted.
- Keep your check stub with the claim for any audits that may be necessary. All food program claim materials must be kept on file onsite in the home for the current month plus the prior 12 months, with the remaining 24 months of records on file and readily assessable.
- The provider should call the Horizons Unlimited, Inc. office right away to discuss any discrepancies. All adjustments must be requested within 45 days of the last day of the month being claimed.
- Reimbursement deposits are only made to the individual child care provider enrolled in the Horizons Unlimited, Inc. and will be deposited into the bank account authorized by that person.

## 6. Compliance with Program's recordkeeping requirements including Civil Rights

- Making recordkeeping a priority helps keep your child care and home visits running smoothly. Putting a system in place will help to keep the paperwork in order and readily accessible.
- Keep your recordkeeping simple: perhaps by designating a certain time each day to organize or file your food program records. Record your menus and attendance at the same time every day so it becomes a habit.
- Use the handbook supplied by Horizons to maintain the current year's records. Have it ready for your Field Representative during your visit.
- o Complete the required annual training by August 31st of each year.

The CACFP Agreement between Sponsoring Organization and Childcare Home (DPI form # PI-1425) to participate in the Food Program. This is a permanent agreement and must always be maintained on file by the provider. You have agreed to abide by the Rights and Responsibilities of the Child Care Home. Noncompliance of these rules may result in meal disallowances or possibly being declared seriously deficient. Appeal rights will be offered if Horizons proposes to terminate you from CACFP participation for cause.

#### The records you are required to maintain include:

- A copy of the non-expiring Agreement Between Sponsoring Organization and Day Care Home (PI-1425) and the Application
- Copies of CACFP Child Enrollment Forms and a copy of the annual Enrollment Renewal Report
- Copy of any applicable Diet Statements for children unable to follow the CACFP meal pattern.
- Certificate of Completion of the annual Recordkeeping training.
- Home Visit Forms
- Monthly menu and meal counts.
- Child Care Attendance Records.
- Menu Review Letters or Office Error Reports and check stubs.

What paperwork do I need to submit this year?	When is it due?	Additional Information	
Monthly Claim	Must be recorded daily, and turned in <b>by the 3<sup>rd</sup></b> of the following month.	As part of the Provider/Sponsor Agreement, meal and attendance records must be updated daily. Please note that a late claim could result in up to a 3 month delay in reimbursement.	
License or Certification	Due <b>immediately</b> when any changes occur on your license or certification	Your State Daycare License or County Daycare Certificate must be kept up to date in the office.	
Enrollment Forms	Due <b>immediately</b> when a child enrolls in your child care.	Remember to include any applicable diet statements.	
Child Enrollment Renewal Form	Due annually in <b>September</b> .	Watch for the renewal packet to be mailed in September.	
Annual Recordkeeping Training	Due annually in <b>August</b> .	You will receive a new Annual Recordkeeping Training packet after February 1 <sup>st</sup> of each year.	
Tiering Determination	Due annually in <b>July</b> .	Provider and parent income application expire June 30 <sup>th</sup> of each year (except School and Census eligible areas)	

#### Civil Rights Policy and Procedures FY 2016

#### **GOALS OF CIVIL RIGHTS**

- Equal treatment for all applicants and beneficiaries
- Knowledge of rights and responsibilities
- Elimination of illegal barriers that prevent or deter people from receiving benefits
- Dignity and respect for all

#### WHAT IS DISCRIMINATION?

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

#### WHAT IS A PROTECTED CLASS?

Any person or group of people who have characteristics for which discrimination is prohibited based on a law, regulation, or executive order. Examples: Sex, age, disability, etc.

#### **DISCRIMINATION = FOUR D'S**

- **Denied** benefits or services that others receive
- **Delayed** receiving benefits or services that others receive
- Treated **Differently** than others to their disadvantage
- Given **Disparate** treatment something which does not seem discriminatory, but has a discriminatory impact in practice

#### **EXAMPLES OF DISCRIMINATION**

- Refuse a participant's enrollment based on disability
- Failure to provide reasonable accommodations to disabled individuals
- Serving meals at a time, place, or manner that is discriminatory
- Selectively distributing applications and income forms
- Failure to provide the same eligibility criteria to all participants
- Failure to provide foreign language materials regarding CACFP

#### COMPONENTS OF CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE

- Public Notification System
- Outreach and Education
- Data Collection
- Reasonable Accommodations
- Language Assistance
- Civil Rights Complaint Procedures
- Technical Assistance and Training
- Customer Service
- Conflict Resolution

#### **EQUAL ACCESS**

- All participants who attend must be provided equal access to the benefits of the CACFP.
- To withhold the program from any eligible age group is age discrimination.
- Child Care/Emergency Shelter Sites: Infants must be offered infant formula and food at the child care center, and parents cannot be asked or required to supply these items.

#### PUBLIC NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

- Handout or post "Building for the Future"
- News Media Release: DPI annually issues a statewide media release for all participating agencies.

#### COLLECTING AND RECORDING PARTICIPATION DATA

- Ethnic/Racial data is used to determine how effectively your program is reaching potentially eligible participants and where outreach may be needed.
- Ethnic and racial data is collected on the child enrollment form.
  - o Parents are not be required to furnish ethnicity and race
  - o If a household chooses not to provide racial/ethnic information, you must provide the information by using one of the following two methods:
    - Visual identification by a center official
    - o Personal knowledge, records or other documentation your agency possesses that identifies household racial/ethnic data.

## REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: PROVIDING MENU ITEM SUBSTITUTIONS

- USDA regulations require centers to reasonably accommodate participants whose disabilities
  restrict their diets by providing substitutions or modifications for their meals based on a
  licensed physician's assessment.
  - o Example: food allergies causing life-threatening anaphylactic reactions
- Disabilities must be documented by a physician's statement
  - Physician statement must: state the name of the participant's disability, identify how it limits one of the major life activities, and specify foods the participant cannot have and the foods to be substituted.
- Generally, participants with food allergies or intolerances do not have a disability. The center may provide substitutions under these circumstances, but is not required to.
  - o Example: lactose intolerance, sensitivity to food additives

#### LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE: LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY (LEP)

#### Definition:

- Individuals who do not speak English as their primary language and have limited ability to read, speak, write, or understand English.
- Recipients of Federal financial assistance have a responsibility to take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to their programs and activities by persons with LEP.
- See www.lep.govfor more information and resources
- Documents translated in Spanish and Hmong (Wisconsin specific forms)
  - o :http://dpi.wi.gov/community-nutrition/cacfp/translations
- Household-Size Income Statement Forms in other languages (USDA Forms)
  - o :http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/meal-benefit-income-eligibility

Please Note: the document includes the various forms for all CACFP components; identify the appropriate form within the English document first to know which of the translated documents to give the households.



#### RIGHT TO FILE A COMPLAINT

Any person who believes he or she or someone he/she knows has been discriminated against based on Federal protected classes (i.e. National origin, race, etc.) has a right to file a complaint within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory action.

- Complainants should complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form
  - :http://www.ocio.usda.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2012/Complain\_combined\_6\_8\_1 2.pdf
- Complainants may contact either of the following offices to register a complaint:
  - o USDA-Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights: Refer above for the address, fax number, and email address.
  - Wisconsin DPI: Director, Community Nutrition Programs, 125 South Webster Street,
     P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841, (608) 267-9129

#### HANDLING CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINTS

- Complaints can be written or verbal
- Anonymous complaints should be handled as any other complaint
- All verbal or written complaints must be forwarded to the WI DPI or Civil Rights Division of USDA Food and Nutrition Service within three days of receiving a complaint
- Sponsors must give complainants a Civil Rights Complaint Form to complete Document all potential complaints in a Civil Rights Complaint Log
- Have a central location where the Civil Rights Complaint Forms and Civil Rights Complaint Log will be kept

#### THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN A CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINT

- Name, address, phone number of complainant, if provided (not required)
- Specific name and location of entity delivering the benefit or service
- The nature of the incident, action, or method of administration that led the complainant to feel discriminated against
- The basis on which the complainant feels discrimination exists (race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability)
- The names, titles, and business addresses of persons who may have knowledge of the discriminatory action
- The date(s) during which the alleged discriminatory actions occurred, or if continuing, the duration of such action

#### **CIVIL RIGHTS "MUST DO LIST"**

- Provide the CACFP in a nondiscriminatory manner
- Must offer meals to all participants in care and provide meal substitutions to participants with disabilities
- Non-discrimination statement & complaint filing procedure must be on all printed materials available to the public which mention USDA and/or CACFP, including websites
- Annually complete the Ethnic and Racial Data on enrollment form
- Distribute the Building for the Future flier to all newly enrolling families
- Provide informational materials in the appropriate translation concerning the availability and nutritional benefits of the CACFP
- Develop & fully implement your Civil Rights Complaint Procedure
- Refer all Civil Rights complaints to DPI or USDA

#### REQUIRED NON-DISCRIMINATION 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:

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.

If the material or document is too small to permit the full statement to be included, the material MUST, at a minimum, include: "This institution is an equal opportunity provider."