

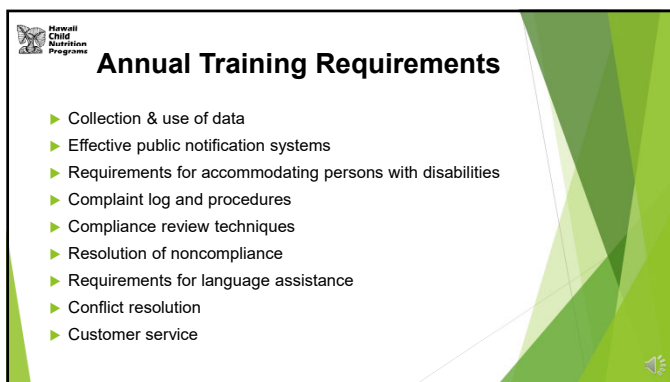


Civil Rights Training
School Year 2021-2022

AND JUSTICE FOR ALL

Hawaii Child Nutrition Program

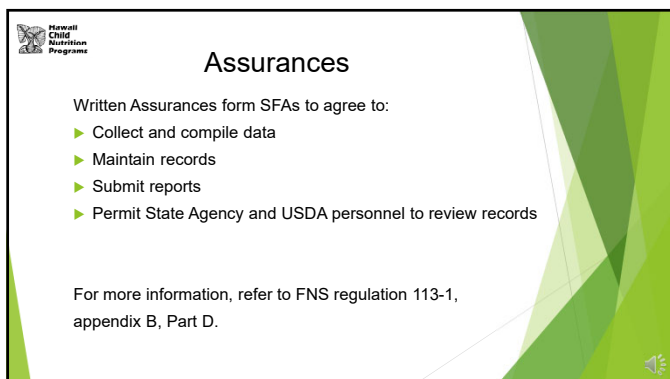
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Annual Training Requirements

- ▶ Collection & use of data
- ▶ Effective public notification systems
- ▶ Requirements for accommodating persons with disabilities
- ▶ Complaint log and procedures
- ▶ Compliance review techniques
- ▶ Resolution of noncompliance
- ▶ Requirements for language assistance
- ▶ Conflict resolution
- ▶ Customer service

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Assurances

Written Assurances from SFAs to agree to:


- ▶ Collect and compile data
- ▶ Maintain records
- ▶ Submit reports
- ▶ Permit State Agency and USDA personnel to review records


For more information, refer to FNS regulation 113-1, appendix B, Part D.

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 **Protected Classes**


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




 **Disability**

Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, a "person with a disability" means any person who:

- ▶ Has a **physical or mental impairment** which **substantially limits** one or more **major life activities**
- ▶ Has a record of such an impairment, or is regarded as having such an impairment

 **ADA Amendments Act of 2008**


- ▶ Expanded and clarified the definition of Disability
- ▶ Did NOT change the expectation to provide a reasonable modification
- ▶ DID make clear the emphasis must be on providing the reasonable modification and **not burdening the disabled person with 'proving' he or she has a disability**




Expanded Definition of Disability for CNPs

Revises 'Substantially Limits'

- ▶ Need not prevent or severely prevent a major life activity
- ▶ Individualized Assessment
- ▶ Without regard to current disability status
- ▶ May include disability that is episodic or in remission






USDA's Expanded Definition

- ▶ Traditionally Recognized Disability Categories:
 - ▶ Seeing, Hearing, Walking, Speaking, Learning, Reading, Eating, Breathing

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- ▶ Major Bodily Activities:
 - ▶ Digestive, Immune, Respiratory, Circulatory, Neurological Systems





Types of Disability Discrimination

- ▶ Denial of benefits or services
- ▶ Delay in receiving benefits or services
- ▶ Different treatment that leads to a disadvantage
- ▶ Ineffective communication
- ▶ Failure to provide reasonable accommodation(s)
- ▶ Inaccessible facilities





Requirements for Reasonable Accommodations

- ▶ 'Reasonable Modification': a change or alteration in policies, practices, and/or procedures to accommodate a disability
- ▶ Duty to negotiate
- ▶ Case-by-case basis
- ▶ Accommodating is primary objective





Requirements for Reasonable Accommodations

- ▶ Handicap accessibility
- ▶ Meal modifications
- ▶ Accommodations/Modifications addressed in 504, Individual Education Plan (IEP)
- ▶ Accommodations need not be exactly as requested
- ▶ Provided free of charge
- ▶ Contact HCNP if further guidance needed






Procedural Safeguards

- ▶ SFAs required to provide notice and information to parents and guardians regarding how to request a reasonable modification, including the right to:
 - ▶ File a grievance
 - ▶ Receive a prompt response
 - ▶ An impartial hearing
 - ▶ Be represented by counsel
 - ▶ Receive notice of final decision






Please view Part 2 of the Civil Rights Training

Go to:

<https://hcnp.hawaii.gov/training-resources/>



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Civil Rights Training – Part 2

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Collection and Use of Data

- ▶ Required to obtain data by ethnic and racial category
- ▶ Systems for collecting data may be program specific
- ▶ Annual reporting on ethnic and racial data
- ▶ Form 0-4c



Collection and Use of Data



- ▶ Hispanic or Latino
 - ▶ A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin – regardless of race
- ▶ Not Hispanic or Latino




Collection and Use of Data: Racial Categories



- ▶ Black or African American – A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa
- ▶ White – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North America
- ▶ Asian – A person having origins in any of the peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian Subcontinent.

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Collection and Use of Data: Racial Categories




- ▶ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands
- ▶ American Indian or Alaskan Native – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America (including Central America) who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment

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Public Notification Systems

POST ↓


- ▶ Complaint Information
Applicants advised of right to file a complaint
- ▶ Program availability
Inform potentially eligible persons of their program rights



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Public Notification Systems - Methods

- ▶ Provide information in alternative formats
- ▶ Convey an equal opportunity message in all media
- ▶ Include non-discrimination statement on all public materials



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Long Statement

***Use on all documents larger than one page**

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Short Statement

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- ▶ Use other languages as needed
- ▶ Pens, buttons, etc. are exempted due to size
- ▶ When in doubt, always include the statement

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Nondiscrimination Statement

Where must it be?

- ▶ Application Form(s)
- ▶ Notification of Eligibility
- ▶ Notice of Adverse Action Form
- ▶ Program Web Page (home page)
- ▶ Public Information, including program literature
 - ▶ e.g. breakfast outreach





Complaint Procedure

- ▶ Right to File
 - ▶ Any person alleging discrimination based on a protected class has right to file a complaint within **180 days** of the alleged action
- ▶ Acceptance
 - ▶ All complaints must be forwarded to the State Agency within **FIVE (5) DAYS**
- ▶ Verbal
 - ▶ If verbal complaint received, person to whom allegations are made must write complaint, making attempt to collect specific information





Sponsor Complaint Procedure, Log, and Form

- ▶ Sponsors must have a Civil Rights binder or file with required C.R. documents:
 - ▶ Written Civil Rights Complaint Procedure
 - ▶ Annually dated Civil Rights Complaint Log
 - ▶ Copies of Civil Rights Complaint Forms





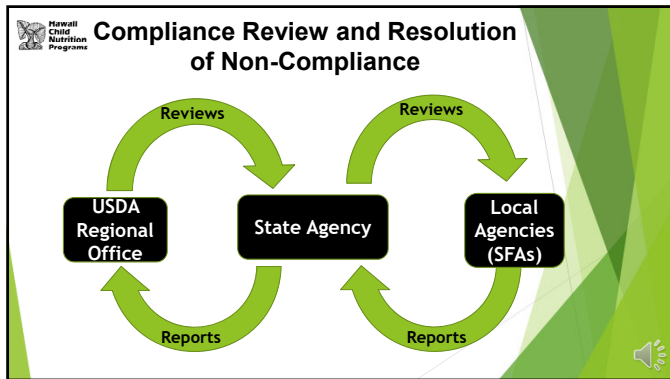
Sample Complaint Log

Sponsor: A Great Sponsor FY 1213

Date complaint received	Name of person who complaint	Name and address of school	Description of event or complaint	Type of Discrimination (check one)	Date DOE notified	Date DOE rec'd from DOE	Date(s) investigation took place	Who investigated	Date complaint resolved
				Race/Color					
				National Origin					
				Age					
				Disability					
				Race/Color					
				National Origin					
				Age					
				Disability					
				Race/Color					
				National Origin					

No Complaints
6/5/2021






Requirements for Language Assistance

- ▶ Applications
- ▶ Menus
- ▶ Informational brochures
- ▶ Letters to families (e.g. outreach)

Children must not be used to translate for their parents.




Resource:

- ▶ Hawaii Bilingual Access Line: (808) 526-9724



Conflict Resolution

- ▶ All complaints alleging discrimination on basis of one or more protected class – Race, Age, Color, National Origin, Sex, or Disability:
 - ▶ Forwarded to State Agency within 5 days
 - ▶ Processed by USDA within 90 days
 - ▶ Complainant has right to file within 180 days of alleged incident(s)



SFA Checklist

- ▶ Annual Civil Rights training for all staff and volunteers
 - ▶ DOCUMENT TRAINING
- ▶ Display current 'And Justice for All' poster
- ▶ Collect and record race and ethnic data annually
- ▶ Offer meals to all








SFA Checklist (continued)

- ▶ Maintain Civil Rights Complaint Log
- ▶ Include non-discrimination statement on all printed materials related to school nutrition programs
- ▶ Keep all records for 3 years plus the current year (6 years plus current for HDOE)




Civil Rights Quiz

Link to google Forms Quiz.

<https://forms.gle/s2jYGqAWLA9SUCqq8>






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