

KNOW YOUR CLIENTS' CIVIL RIGHTS

Thank you for helping in the fight against hunger in the Golden Crescent area. You are making a big difference in the lives of our neighbors in need.

The **Food Bank of the Golden Crescent** is grateful that our volunteers serve each client with the dignity they deserve. We are required by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to ensure that **all clients are informed and aware of their civil rights while being served.**

You can be our eyes and ears by helping us identify any instances in which a client is subject to harassment or discrimination. **The Food Bank of the Golden Crescent will not tolerate harassment or discrimination by any individual.**

What is discrimination? Discrimination is the practice of unfairly treating a person or group of people differently from other people or groups of people.

USDA prohibits discrimination based on these things:

- Race
- Color
- National origin
- Sex
- Disability
- Age
- Reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity

USDA Nondiscrimination Statement:

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted 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; or

fax:
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

email:
Program.Intake@usda.gov

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