## Child Nutrition Services Procedure for Handling Complaints of Discrimination

- 1. Complaints of discrimination must be filed within 180 days of the alleged discrimination.
- 2. Complaints of discrimination should be given to Child Nutrition Services director, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. Director will forward to Food and Nutrition Services, Western Regional Office, San Francisco.
- 3. Complaints of discrimination may be written or verbal. Use of a form is not required for a person filing a complaint. If a person is unwilling, unable, or not inclined to put the complaint in writing, the person taking the complaint shall do so. (Complaint form attached.)
- 4. Complaints of discrimination should contain as much as possible of the following information:
  - a) Name, address, e-mail address, and telephone number or other means of contacting the complainant.
  - b) The specific location and name of the entity providing the benefits.
  - c) A description of a specific action that caused the complainant to believe that discrimination was a factor.
  - d) Basis on which the complainant feels that discrimination occurred (race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity).
  - e) Name and titles, if known, and addresses of persons who may have knowledge of the discriminatory action.
  - f) The date(s) the alleged discriminatory actions occurred or the duration of such action.

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## **Civil Rights Complaint Form**

Name of Complainant
Address
Telephone Number (include area code)
E-Mail Address
List Name/Location of Organization Providing Benefits:
Indicate the discriminatory action or incident (include date action occurred):
On what basis does the complainant believe he/she was discriminated against (race, color, national origin, gender, age, disability, reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity)?
Persons who may have knowledge of the discriminatory action:  Name Title Address Phone #