

It is the policy of DSS to make sure applications for program benefits and services are made available to everyone and are approved to all who meet program eligibility standards. Staff, programs and policies must not discriminate against clients or applicants for services because of actual or perceived race, color, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, religion or national origin.

DSS must also provide fair and equal access to all of its programs and services for people with disabilities; including both physical access to buildings and access to programs and services. It is a violation of the DSS Nondiscrimination Policy when inequitable practices, based on the above mentioned factors, occur in the delivery of services.

If you have reason to believe that DSS has discriminated against you, please complete a discrimination complaint form and mail it within 180 days of the alleged discrimination. You can also contact the Discrimination Coordinator:

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