



Complaints and Grievances Form

Dear Participant:

You have the right to file a complaint if you believe the rules of the WorkFirst Programs have been violated, and/or you believe you have a grievance related to your employment or training under this program. To ensure that complaints are appropriately documented and handled as efficiently and fairly as possible, it is necessary that your complaint be in writing and filed within one year of the incident.

Complaints and grievances should be mailed to:

South Central Workforce
Attention: Complaint Specialist
1205 Ahtanum Ridge Dr., Suite B
Union Gap, WA 98903

South Central Workforce will contact you within ten (10) days of receiving your complaint to acknowledge receipt and verify the alleged violation or dispute. If your complaint is not undertaken, you will be notified and provided a written explanation. If your complaint is out of the Council's jurisdiction, you will be notified and referred to the appropriate agency. If your complaint is undertaken, an informal conference may be held to resolve the issue. If you believe that your complaint is not resolved during the informal conference, you have the right to request a formal hearing. Upon written request, a formal hearing will be held, before an impartial hearing officer, within sixty (60) days of filing your complaint. You will be notified in writing at least fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled hearing of the date, time, and location of the hearing. A decision will be rendered within sixty (60) days of filing your complaint. If you are not satisfied with the decision, you may send a written, signed appeal to the State of Washington:

Department of Commerce
Attention: WorkFirst Managing Director
P.O. Box 42525
Olympia, WA 98504-2525

If you have questions about your rights and responsibilities with regard to filing complaints and grievances, or if you need assistance in filing a complaint or grievance, please contact the Complaint Specialist at 574-1950 or 1-800-572-7354 (ext. 1950).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Amy Martinez'.

Amy Martinez, CEO

Applicant/Participant Signature

Date