

Sycamore Services Inc. dba LINK Hendricks County
Title VI Complaint Procedure

It shall be the practice of Sycamore Services Inc. dba LINK Hendricks County to have a complaint procedure which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or low income status. This procedure is made available to all individuals who believe he or she has been aggrieved by any unlawful discriminatory practice in accordance with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Title VI Requirements and Guidelines.

Procedure:

Any person who believes she or he has been discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or low income status by the Sycamore Services Inc. dba LINK Hendricks County may file a Title VI complaint by completing and submitting the agency's Title VI Complaint Form to the agencies Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The Sycamore Services Inc. dba LINK Hendricks County investigates complaints received no more than 180 days after the alleged incident. Sycamore Services Inc. dba LINK Hendricks County will process complaints that are complete.

Once the complaint is received, Sycamore Services Inc. dba LINK Hendricks County will review it to determine if our office has jurisdiction. The complainant will receive an acknowledgement letter informing her/him whether the complaint will be investigated by our office.

Sycamore Services Inc. dba LINK Hendricks County has five (5) days to investigate the complaint. If more information is needed to resolve the case, Sycamore Services Inc. dba LINK Hendricks County may contact the complainant. The complainant has five (5) business days from the date of the acknowledgement letter to send requested information to the investigator assigned to the case. If the investigator is not contacted by the complainant or does not receive the additional information within five (5) business days, Sycamore Services Inc. dba LINK Hendricks County can administratively close the case. A case can be administratively closed also if the complainant no longer wishes to pursue his or her case.

After the investigator reviews the complaint, she/he will issue one of two letters to the complainant: a closure letter or a letter of finding (LOF). A closure letter summarizes the allegations and states that there was not a Title VI violation and that the case will be closed. An LOF summarizes the allegations and the interviews regarding the alleged incident, and explains whether any disciplinary action, additional training of the staff member or other action will occur. If the complainant wishes to appeal the decision, she/he has fifteen (15) days after the date of the letter or the LOF to do so.

Sycamore Services Inc. dba LINK Hendricks County shall prepare and maintain a list of any of the following that allege discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or low income status, which shall include data on the following: Any known active investigations conducted by Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and entities other than FTA; Lawsuits; and Complaints naming Sycamore Services Inc. dba LINK Hendricks County the Rural Transit System and/or Section 5311 Sub-Recipient, Sycamore Services Inc. dba LINK Hendricks County.

A person may file a complaint directly with:

- Sycamore Services Inc. dba LINK Hendricks County to Sycamore Services, Inc. CEO, Patrick Cockrum, at Sycamore Services, Inc. Corporate office, 1001 Sycamore Lane, Danville Indiana 46122. Contact number: 1-866-573-0817
- Federal Transit Administration (FTA), at FTA Office of Civil Rights, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

If information is needed in another language or mode of communication, then contact: **1-866-573-0817. For Hearing Impaired or Spanish, call Relay Indiana: Dial 711**