

Notifying the Public of Rights Under Title VI

Arrowhead West, Inc.

- Arrowhead West, Inc. (AWI) operates its program and services without regard to race, color and national origin in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. Any person who believes he or she has been aggrieved by any unlawful discriminatory practices under Title VI may file a complaint with AWI.
- For more information on the AWI's civil rights program and the procedures to file a complaint, contact the Human Resource Manager, Sheila Bergkamp at (620) 227-8803; e-mail sbergkamp@arrowheadwest.org; or visit our administrative office at 1100 East Wyatt Earp Boulevard, Dodge City, KS 67801. For more information, visit www.arrowheadwest.org.
- A complainant may file a complaint directly with the Federal Transit Administration by filing a complaint with the Office of Civil Rights, Attention: Title VI Program Coordinator, East Building, 5th Floor-TCR, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590.
- If information is needed in another language, contact (620) 227-8803.

This notice is posted on the agency website at www.arrowheadwest.org and in public areas of the agency's office.

Title VI Complaint Procedure

The following pertains only to Title VI complaints regarding the services of Arrowhead West, Inc.

Title VI, 42 U.S.C §2000d et seq., was enacted as part of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. At the heart of the regulation is the following statement:

No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

Arrowhead West, Inc. has in place a Title VI Complaint Procedure, which outlines a process for local disposition of Title VI complaints and is consistent with guidelines found in Chapter III of the Federal Transit Administration Circular 4702.1B, dated October 1, 2012. If you believe that Arrowhead West, Inc.'s federally funded programs have discriminated your civil rights on the basis of race, color or national origin you may file a written complaint by the procedure outlined below:

1. Submission of Complaint

Any person who feels that he or she, individually or as a member of any class of persons, on the basis of race, color, or national origin has been excluded from or denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination caused by Arrowhead West, Inc., may file a written complaint with Arrowhead West, Inc.'s Human Resource Manager. A sample complaint form is available to download at www.arrowheadwest.org and is available in hard copy at the offices of Arrowhead West, Inc. Upon request, Arrowhead West, Inc. will mail the complaint form. **Such complaints must be filed within 180 calendar days after the date the discrimination occurred.**

Notes: Assistance in the preparation of any complaints will be provided to a person or persons upon request and as appropriate. If information is needed in another language, contact the Arrowhead West, Inc. Human Resource Manager at (620) 227-8803.

Complaints should be mailed to or submitted by hand to:

Arrowhead West, Inc.
ATTN: Human Resource Manager
1100 East Wyatt Earp Boulevard
Dodge City, KS 67801

2. Referral to Review Officer

Upon receipt of a complaint, the Human Resource Manager of Arrowhead West, Inc. shall appoint one or more staff review officers, as appropriate, to evaluate and investigate the complaint. If necessary, the Complainant shall meet with the staff review officer(s) to further explain his or her complaint. The staff review officer(s) shall complete their review no later than 45 calendar days after the date the agency received the complaint. If more time is required, the Human Resource Manager shall notify the Complainant of the estimated timeframe for completing the review. Upon completing the review, the staff review officer(s) shall make a recommendation regarding the merit of the complaint and whether remedial actions are available to provide redress. Additionally, the staff reviewer(s) may recommend improvements to Arrowhead West, Inc. processes relative to Title VI as appropriate. The staff review officer(s) shall forward their recommendations to the Human Resource Manager for concurrence. If the Human Resource Manager concurs, he or she shall issue Arrowhead West, Inc.'s written response to the Complainant. This final report should include a summary of the investigation, all findings with recommendations, and corrective measures where appropriate.

Note: Upon receipt of complaint, Arrowhead West, Inc. shall forward a copy of this complaint and the resulting written response to the appropriate KDOT and FTA-Region 7 contacts.

3. Request for Reconsideration

If the Complainant disagrees with the Human Resource Manager's response, he or she may request reconsideration by submitting the request, in writing, to the Human Resource Manager within 10 calendar days after receipt of the Human Resource Manager's response. The request for reconsideration shall be sufficiently detailed to contain any items the Complainant feels were not fully understood by the Human Resource Manager. The Human Resource Manager will notify the Complainant of his or her decision in writing either to accept or reject the request for reconsideration within 10 calendar days. In cases where Arrowhead West, Inc.'s Human Resource Manager agrees to reconsider, the matter shall be returned to the staff review officer(s) to re-evaluate in accordance with Paragraph 2 above.

4. Appeal

If the request for reconsideration is denied, the Complainant may appeal the Human Resource Manager's response by submitting a written appeal to Arrowhead West, Inc.'s Board of Directors no later than 10 calendar days after receipt of the Human Resource Manager's written decision rejecting reconsideration. The Board of Directors will then make a determination to either request re-evaluation by the staff review officer(s) or forward the complaint to KDOT for further investigation.

5. Submission of Complaint to the State of Kansas Department of Transportation

If the Complainant is dissatisfied with Arrowhead West, Inc.'s resolution of the complaint, he or she may also submit a written complaint within 180 days after the alleged date of discrimination to the State of Kansas Department of Transportation for further investigation.

KDOT Office of Contract Compliance
Eisenhower State Office Building
700 Southwest Harrison, 3rd Floor West
Topeka, KS 66603

Section IV		
Have you previously filed a Title VI complaint with this agency?	Yes	No
Section V		
Have you filed this complaint with any other Federal, State, or local agency, or with any Federal or State court?	Yes	No
If yes, check all that apply:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Agency:	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Court:	
<input type="checkbox"/> State Agency:	<input type="checkbox"/> State Court:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Local Agency:		
Please provide information about a contact person at the agency/court where the complaint was filed:		
Name:		
Title:		
Agency:		
Address:		
Telephone:		
Section VI		
Name of agency complaint is against:		
Contact Person:		
Title:		
Telephone Number:		

You may attach any written materials or other information that you think is relevant to your complaint.

Signature and date required below.

Signature

Date

Please submit this form in person at the address below, or mail this form to:

Arrowhead West, Inc.
ATTN: Human Resource Manager
1100 East Wyatt Earp Boulevard
Dodge City, KS 67801

List of Title VI Investigations, Lawsuits and Complaints

	Date (Month, Day, Year)	Summary (Include basis of complaint: Race, Color or National Original)	Status	Action(s) Taken
Investigations				
1.				
2.				
Lawsuits				
1.				
2.				
Complaints				
1.				
2.				

There were no investigations, lawsuits or complaints in the last three years.

Transit Public Participation Plan Outline

1. Brief description of provider's activities and services.

Arrowhead West, Inc. provides support services to children and adults with developmental disabilities and delays. Specific support services include occupational, speech and physical therapy, screenings and evaluations for children ages birth to three. For adults, services include work services, community integrated employment, adult life skills training and a retirement program. Residential services provided to adults include supervised and supported living services, and case management.

AWI serves clients with disabilities from a 14-county service area that include counties of Ford, Gray, Hodgeman, Edwards, Clark, Kiowa, Comanche, Ness, Meade, Sedgwick, Barber, Harper, Kingman and Pratt. AWI offices are located in Dodge City, Medicine Lodge, Pratt, Kinsley and Wichita.

2. Brief description of activities that would warrant public participation (i.e. fare changes, changes to service hours, route adjustments, service area changes).

Arrowhead West, Inc. would notify responsible parties and/or clients prior to any fare changes, service hour changes and policy or procedure changes.

3. Brief description of the proactive public participation strategies would be used.

Arrowhead West, Inc. is currently under U.S.C. 49-5310 funding and only providing transportation services to the agency's clients.

4. Brief description of the outreach methods to engage minority and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) individuals (i.e. translation of public meeting materials, providing translation services if requested, targeted media messages in low income neighborhoods of service area, work with existing neighborhood and advocacy organizations).

Arrowhead West, Inc. translates required materials to Spanish and uses Spanish speaking employees for interpreters.

5. Brief description of the desired outcomes of the agency's public participation efforts.

Arrowhead West, Inc. is currently under U.S.C. 49-5310 funding and only providing transportation services to the agency's clients.

6. Brief summary of recent outreach efforts over the past three years.

Arrowhead West, Inc. (AWI) has worked with local general public transportation services. Pratt County supports have been available on occasion but are not a consistent support due to wait

time and limited hours of operation. Barber County limits use of general public transportation when an individual is supported by AWI and are paying for AWI transportation supports.

Four Factor Analysis

The purpose of developing a Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan, as a recipient of federal funds, is to identify the extent of LEP individuals and identify ways that the transit agency can reduce or eliminate barriers to LEP individuals.

1. Identify number or proportion of LEP individuals that can utilize the service provided by Arrowhead West, Inc.

Using the information from the 2019 American Community Survey 5-year estimates the Spanish-speaking group in Barber Co. and Pratt Co. combined has more than 5% of the total population but less than 1000 persons that “speak English less than very well” and would not require written translation.

2. Identify the frequency in which LEP individuals come in contact with the service.

Arrowhead West, Inc. Mid-Kansas Division (Barber and Pratt Counties) currently has 1 Hispanic client out of a total of 94 clients. One percent of Mid Kansas-Division Arrowhead West, Inc. clients speak Spanish.

3. Identify the importance of the service to the LEP community.

We provide transportation for medical, employment facilities, day service programs, shopping and social events to clients with IDD in Arrowhead West, Inc. services. We go through an interpreter to communicate and schedule rides for individuals who speak English less than very well.

4. Identify the resources available and the respective costs of these resources.

Currently, the interpreters are Arrowhead West, Inc. employees or family members of clients who speak English less than very well, so there are no additional costs associated with this service.

Limited English Proficiency Plan

Utilizing the information gathered from the Four Factor Analysis, the following plan is developed in order to provide the necessary assistance to LEP persons.

1. Identified LEP Individuals.

No language meets the criteria of more than 5% of total population or 1,000 persons, whichever is less, that “speak English less than very well.”

2. Language Assistance Measures.

Arrowhead West, Inc. does translate some materials into Spanish. AWI also uses Spanish speaking employees for interpreters. If needed, we will use online translation tools.

3. Training Staff.

The interpreter will help with scheduling a ride. The drivers will communicate as well as possible with the riders during the trip.

4. Providing Notice.

The LEP Plan is posted on the agency’s website, www.arrowheadwest.org. The LEP plan will be provided to any person or agency requesting a copy. The person to contact in regards to the LEP Plan is the Human Resource Manager and can be reached via phone at (620) 227-8803.

5. Monitoring and Updating the LEP Plan.

Arrowhead West, Inc. will update the plan according to the Title VI update schedule, which is every three years. The plan will also be updated any time changes in the demographics of the agency’s service area are deemed significant in regards to LEP persons.

Table Depicting Membership of Committees, Councils, Broken Down by Race

Pratt and Medicine Lodge

Body	White	African American	Native American	Asian American	Other	More than One Race
Population	94.5%	1.9%	1.0%	.6%	.1%	1.9%
Agency Board of Directors	100%					
Agency Staff	97.8%	2.2%				