Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety Services Public Notice of Title VI Program Rights

The Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety Services (LA DPS PSS) gives notice that it is the policy of all LA DPS PSS Offices to assure compliance with the following Federal acts and regulations:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination based on race, color, or national origin.
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination based on disability.
- Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972, which prohibits discrimination based on sex in education programs or activities.
- Age Discrimination Act of 1975, which prohibits discrimination based on age.
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security regulation 6 C.F.R. Part 19, which prohibits discrimination based on religion in social service programs.

Anyone who believes they have experienced discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability has the right to file a formal complaint. Complaints must be submitted using the <u>Title VI and Related Authorities Complaint Form</u> within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory incident. For questions regarding Title VI complaints or to request complaint information in another language, please call the LA DPS PSS Compliance Programs Section at 225-925-6103 to speak with the Title VI Coordinator.

Complaints may be filed via the following methods:

- Online by accessing the following electronic form: Online Title VI Complaints.
- Via email to the following email address: PSS.CPS@LA.GOV.
- Mailed to the following address:
 LA DPS PSS Title VI Coordinator, Compliance Programs Section, Office of Legal Affairs, P.O. Box 66614, Box B-4, Baton Rouge, LA 70896-6614.
- In person with the Title VI Coordinator, Compliance Programs Section, Office of Legal Affairs at 7979 Independence Blvd., Ste. 307, Baton Rouge, LA.

Individuals with disabilities may request an ADA accommodation. To request such accommodation, please call the LA DPS PSS ADA Coordinator at 225-925-6067 or email: DPSADAAccommodationRequest@la.gov.

Please note that LA DPS PSS strictly prohibits retaliation against any individual who reports discrimination or harassment, participates in an investigation of a complaint, or otherwise acts to enforce non-discriminatory practices. If you feel you are a victim of retaliation, please contact the Title VI Coordinator immediately at 225-925-6103.