



*Serving Yakima, Kittitas, Klickitat, and Skamania Counties*

Dear WIA Applicant and Participant:

You have the right to file a complaint if you believe the rules of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) 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 Council  
Attention: Complaint Specialist  
120 South 3rd Street, Suite 200-A  
Yakima, WA 98901

South Central Workforce Council 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 Department'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 appeal to the State of Washington:

Employment Security Department, Employment and Training Division  
Attention: Assistant Commissioner,  
P.O. Box 9046  
Olympia, WA 98507-9046

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 'Patrick Baldoz'.

Patrick Baldoz, Director

**SOUTH CENTRAL WORKFORCE COUNCIL**  
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Applicant/Participant Signature

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Date