



# BERKSHIRE

## FARM CENTER & SERVICES FOR YOUTH

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**Jim Dennis**  
President and  
Chief Executive Officer

### EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of Berkshire Farm Center & Services for Youth not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of his or her race, color, religion, sex, or national origin or because he or she is an individual with a disability or disabled veteran, Armed Forces service medal veteran, recently separated veteran, or active duty wartime or campaign badge veteran, or thereafter referred collectively as "protected veterans" or any other characteristics protected under applicable law. It is also the policy of Berkshire Farm Center & Services for Youth to take affirmative action to employ and to advance in employment, all persons regardless of their status as individuals with disabilities or protected veterans, and to base all employment decisions only on valid job requirements. This policy shall apply to all employment actions, including but not limited to recruitment, hiring, upgrading, promotion, transfer, demotion, layoff, recall, termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation and selection for training, including apprenticeship, at all levels of employment.

Employees and applicants shall not be subjected to harassment, intimidation, threats, coercion or discrimination because they have engaged in or may engage in any of the following activities: (1) Filing a complaint; (2) Assisting or participating in an investigation, compliance evaluation, hearing, or any other activity related to the administration of Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (Section 503) or any other Federal, State or local law requiring equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities; (3) Opposing any act or practice made unlawful by Section 503 or its implementing regulations in this part or any other Federal, State or local law requiring equal opportunity for disabled persons; or (4) Exercising any other right protected by Section 503 or its implementing regulations in this part. Further, the Company will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against employees or applicants because they have inquired about, discussed, or disclosed their own pay or the pay of another employee or applicant.

As President and CEO of Berkshire Farm Center & Services for Youth, I am committed to the principles of Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity. In order to ensure dissemination and implementation of equal employment opportunity and affirmative action throughout all levels of the company, I have selected Kelly O'Brien as the Vice President, Human Resources for Berkshire Farm Center & Services for Youth. One of the Vice President, Human Resources's duties will be to establish and maintain an internal audit and reporting system to allow for effective measurement of Berkshire Farm Center & Services for Youth's programs.

In furtherance of Berkshire Farm Center & Services for Youth's policy regarding Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity, Berkshire Farm Center & Services for Youth has developed a written Affirmative Action Program which sets forth the policies, practices and procedures that Berkshire Farm Center & Services for Youth is committed to in order to ensure that its policy of nondiscrimination and affirmative action for qualified individuals with disabilities and qualified protected veterans is accomplished. This Affirmative Action Program is available for inspection by any employee or applicant for employment upon request between normal business hours at the Human Resources department. Any questions should be directed to me, your supervisor, or Kelly O'Brien, Vice President, Human Resources.

Jim Dennis, President and CEO  
Berkshire Farm Center & Services for Youth  
February 01, 2018

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Date: February 1, 2018  
TO: All Employees and Applicants  
FROM: Jim Dennis, President and CEO  
SUBJECT: Reaffirmation of EEO Policy

The employees of Berkshire Farm Center & Services for Youth are our most important asset. Our continued success and development depends on the future and effective use of all of our skills and talents to their fullest extent. Berkshire Farm Center & Services for Youth has an obligation to hire and develop the best people we can find based on job-related qualifications and irrespective of any characteristics protected under applicable law.

Berkshire Farm Center & Services for Youth is committed to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action because it is morally right and legally required. It is the obligation of each officer, manager, and supervisor to ensure all employment activities are conducted in an equal and equitable fashion, without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex (including pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions), sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, transgender status, age, national origin, marital status, citizenship, physical and mental disability, criminal record, genetic information, predisposition or carrier status, status with respect to receiving public assistance, domestic violence victim status, a disabled, special, recently separated, active duty wartime, campaign badge, Armed Forces service medal veteran, or any other characteristics protected under applicable law.

Such employment activities include, but are not limited to: recruitment, advertising, selection, hiring, training, promotion, upgrade, demotion, transfer, layoff, discharge, return from layoff, leaves of absence, performance evaluation, rate of pay, other compensation and fringe benefits and selection for training, including apprenticeship, at all levels of employment.

Further, the Company will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against employees or applicants because they have inquired about, discussed, or disclosed their own pay or the pay of another employee or applicant.

We will be measuring ourselves against specific objectives which will continue to move our organization toward full and equal participation of all employees in the numerous opportunities available here. Periodic analysis will ensure our progress towards these goals.

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