

Title: Antitrust Policy	Number:
Cross Reference:	
Approved by: Dallas County ENA Chapter Board of Directors (BOD)	Origination Date:
Revised by: Bylaws, Policy & Procedure Committee Chair	Approval Date: 07/07/2023
	Revision Date: 02/14/2023

I. POLICY PURPOSE:

To ensure monitoring of organization activities in order to prevent violations of the antitrust laws. Dallas County ENA Chapter will adhere to federal and state antitrust laws and regulations applicable to 501(c)(3) organizations, not engaging in any activity that may result in an unreasonable restraint of trade.

II. POLICY BACKGROUND/DEFINITIONS:

Antitrust laws are also referred to as “competition laws” and are statutes developed by the government to protect consumers from predatory business practices by ensuring that fair competition exists in an open market economy and seeks to make businesses compete fairly.

Under federal and state antitrust laws, Dallas County ENA Chapter may be held liable for action that constitutes a restraint of trade.

III. PROTOCOL/PROCEDURE:

1. Dallas County ENA Chapter exercises extreme caution regarding its business decisions and does not engage in any activity that may result in an unreasonable restraint of trade.
2. Dallas County ENA Chapter bases business decisions on stated, reasonable criteria that are applied objectively, considers all potential vendors, and documents the basis for decisions.
3. Dallas County ENA Chapter consults ~~ENA national~~ legal counsel in advance of all new programs or changes in existing programs that have potential antitrust implications. The BOD will approve all new programs or changes in existing programs that may have potential antitrust implications.
4. Minutes of all Dallas County ENA Chapter meetings will accurately reflect the business conducted and reflect compliance with antitrust laws.
5. Any Dallas County ENA Chapter member with concerns regarding antitrust should immediately contact the Dallas County ENA Chapter President, with initial or follow up communication in writing. The Dallas County ENA Chapter President will speak with legal counsel about concerns as warranted.