

Louisville/Jefferson County Continuum of Care Policy Statement on Advancing Recovery by Prohibiting Illicit Drug Enablement

It is hereby adopted as a policy by the Louisville/Jefferson County Continuum of Care on June 21, 2026 that Continuum of Care funded housing projects are prohibited from operating drug injection sites or "safe consumption sites," knowingly distributing drug paraphernalia on or off property under their control, knowingly permitting the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control, or conducting any of these activities under the pretext of "harm reduction."

Funded housing providers are encouraged to reference the [SAMHSA Dear Colleague Letter](#) for clarification on what is and is not considered drug paraphernalia under this policy.

Projects will be monitored for compliance with this policy beginning with the FY26 Monitoring Cycle. Any agency found to be in violation with the above will be issued a finding on their monitoring report and be required to produce a corrective action plan within 30 days of issuance of the monitoring report. Additional unannounced checks will be conducted to ensure the agency is complying with the terms of said corrective action plan.

Repeated and severe violations of the above policy may result in an agency being barred from submitting future Continuum of Care grant applications at the discretion of the Continuum of Care Board of Directors. Any agency found in violation of this policy will have an opportunity to make their case before the CoC Board of Directors prior to disciplinary action being taken.

Is it additionally adopted as the position of the Louisville/Jefferson County Continuum of Care that the provision of substance use disorder treatment and recovery housing within or outside of the CoC is an encouraged intervention for unhoused individuals who could benefit from the provision of and services provided by such housing.

The Louisville/Jefferson County Continuum of Care shall not restrict or prohibit CoC-funded housing projects that require program participants to be sober or participate in treatment as a condition of assistance in accordance with 24 CFR 578.

None of the above constitute a requirement that program participants must be sober in order to receive assistance, participate in treatment in order to receive assistance, or be evicted or exited from assistance for a first-time violation of a drug-related program policy or lease requirement, although those practices may be allowable under 24 CFR 578.

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