

Lawrence Community Shelter Program Information

The Lawrence Community Shelter (LCS) works to provide a safe and effective range of care to those experiencing homelessness. Our vision is to reduce chronic homelessness in Lawrence and Douglas County through effective implementation of philosophical frameworks, best practices, and evidence-based models.

LCS recognizes the self-determination and inherent worth of all people, and we ensure those who access the homeless service system are treated with dignity and respect, and are seen as the experts on themselves and their lives.

The Lawrence Community Shelter Program provides temporary emergency shelter, care coordination, and housing stabilization services for up to 50 individuals at any given time. Guests have the opportunity to participate in services within a low-barrier shelter setting with the goal of exiting to a stable and/or permanent housing situation within their 90 day stay.

Care coordination and housing stabilization services are provided to aid guests in linking to supportive services within the community that include, but are not limited to, mental health, substance use, legal, physical health, permanent supportive housing, mainstream benefits, and employment services.

LCS participates in the Kansas Balance of State Continuum of Care through attendance of committee meetings, participation in the Coordinated Entry System and utilization of BitFocus HMIS database.

Shelter Environment

- Curfew is 10:00 pm.
- Being gone for one night will result in being exited from the program. If you do not plan on sleeping at LCS, you must get a pass approval from a case manager.
- Quiet time is building wide from 10:00pm-6:00am.
- You will be given bed linens and towels during your stay but you are responsible for washing the items and returning them when you leave.
- Shower and launder clothes regularly. You will be expected to shower, to control odor and maintain hygiene.
- Meal Times are: Breakfast (6:00-8:00 am), Lunch (12:00-1:00 pm), Dinner (6:00-7:00 pm)
- Be respectful to LCS neighbors and do not loiter on anyone's property. Do not trespass on private property.
- Submitting to a search when asked is a condition of your stay.

- All belongings will need to be kept neatly in your area, underneath your bed stored within totes provided by LCS (up to 3 clear totes), in storage in your provided black tote or in the locker provided in the day room.
- No food or non-water drinks are allowed in the dorms;
- There can be no blankets or towels hanging around your bunk
- No extension cords or space heaters in the dorms
- You may not bring in and use: hot plates; space heaters; air conditioners, furniture; televisions, or animals (unless you have a disability and require a service animal).
- Please help with keeping the common areas clean and orderly by assisting in chores.
- When directed, leave the building during fire drills, evacuations, and other safety exercises.
- Guests who use shelter programs cannot bring new pets if they are already receiving services unless the pet provides services for a disability.
- LCS may ask that a pet be removed if their behavior or health becomes a threat to the safety or well-being of other guests, volunteers, or staff.

Statement of Client Rights and Client Code of Conduct

The Statement of Client Rights and Client Code of Conduct expectations and boundaries for staying at Lawrence Community Shelter (LCS). Since the Shelter is not a home there are expectations you will have to follow while in the shelter program. These expectations help create and maintain a safe environment for everyone.

Your rights while staying at LCS include:

- The right to feel safe in LCS, Monarch Village, and associated programs
- The right to progress through the shelter programs at your own level of comfort and understanding
- The right to be considered for accommodation and housing based on fair policies
- The right to receive help finding and staying in suitable housing on a long-term basis
- The right to be treated with respect regardless of your race, status, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, or beliefs
- The right to be informed of your human, legal, and civil rights, and to speak up when you feel they have been violated
- The right to be informed and included in the decisions made about you and/or your family
- The right to confidentiality
- The right to receive help when applying for income assistance, employment and health services, educational opportunities and other support services
- The right to make a complaint or appeal a decision you do not agree with and receive an answer that makes sense to you

Acts of the following behaviors may lead to the loss of shelter.

1. Violence; including, but not limited to, acts intended to harm or intimidate, instigation, death threats, and verbal abuse.
2. Sexual harassment or any sexualized behavior.
3. Possession, selling, or use of any drugs or alcohol on property, including improperly stored medications.
4. Possession or concealment of weapons
5. Using derogatory/hate speech including: racist, sexist, homophobia, transphobic language, ect.
6. Theft
7. Acts that endanger the health and safety of yourself or others or which substantially interfere with orderly operation of the shelter.

LOST OR STOLEN PROPERTY. To the maximum extent permitted by law, LCS guests shall at all times be responsible for, shall assume all risks of loss or theft of their personal effects or movable property, and hereby waive and release and agree to defend, protect, indemnify and hold harmless LCS from and against any and all claims arising out of lost, stolen, or damaged movable property or personal effects while residing in and/or receiving services from LCS.

Client Signature: _____

Date: _____

Staff Signature: _____

Date: _____

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