



Alcohol and Drug Use

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines regarding the use of alcohol, prescription/legal drugs, chemicals, or illegal drugs while employees (also referred to as staff), subcontractors, and volunteers are on duty, whether they are at the program site, transporting persons served, or with persons in the community.

II. POLICY

It is not permissible for employees, subcontractors, and volunteers to be on duty, transporting a person(s) served, driving on organization business, or accompanying a person served into the community when under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs or impaired by any chemicals or prescription/legal drugs.

Partners in Community Supports will give the same consideration to employees, subcontractors, and volunteers with chemical dependency issues as it does to those having other health issues. Voluntarily seeking assistance for such an issue will not jeopardize employment, whereas performance, attendance, or behavioral issues will.

Partners in Community Supports will train employees, subcontractors, and volunteers on Partners in Community Supports' alcohol and drug policy.

III. PROCEDURE

- All employees must be free from the abuse of prescription medications or being in any manner under the influence of a chemical that impairs their ability to provide services or care.
- The consumption of alcohol is prohibited while directly responsible for persons receiving services, or on our property (owned or leased), or in our vehicles, machinery, or equipment (owned or leased), and will result in corrective action up to and including termination.
- Being under the influence of a controlled substance identified under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 152, or alcohol, or illegal drugs in any manner that impairs or could impair an employee's ability to provide care or services to persons receiving services is prohibited and will result in corrective action up to and including termination.
- The use, sale, manufacture, distribution, or possession of illegal drugs while providing care or to persons receiving services, or on our property (owned or leased), or in our vehicles, machinery, or equipment (owned or leased), will result in corrective action up to and including termination.
- Any employee convicted of criminal drug use or activity must notify the Designated Coordinator/Designated Manager/Regional Director no later than five (5) days after the conviction.
- Criminal conviction for the sale of narcotics, illegal drugs or controlled substances will result in corrective action up to and including termination.



- The program's designated staff will notify the appropriate law enforcement agency when Partners in Community Supports has reasonable suspicion to believe that an employee may have illegal drugs in his/her possession while on duty during work hours. Where appropriate, Partners in Community Supports will also notify licensing boards.

Legal Authority: MS §§ 245A.04, subd. 1 (c) and 14