



NOTICE TO AGENCIES SERVING UNHOUSED COMMUNITIES

Recent changes in Tennessee law and federal policy are creating urgent challenges for the unhoused community and the agencies that support them. Under the executive order "Restoring Law and Order in Memphis," President Trump has deployed the National Guard to the city as part of a broader public safety crackdown. This federal deployment is expected to lead to increased enforcement. **Agencies are encouraged to update response plans, coordinate with legal and outreach partners, and stay connected to the CoC Network for timely updates and support.**

SAFETY PLANNING PROCEDURES FOR CLIENTS

- **Avoid High-Enforcement Areas:** Encourage clients to avoid areas that are being heavily monitored, including:
 - **Downtown Area**
 - **Bridges, overpasses, and highway ramps (TDOT enforcement zones)**
 - **Parks after hours**
- **No sleeping in public places — especially on National Park Service land —** as they may be arrested.
- **Keep belongings mobile:** With the new TDOT policy, **camping equipment can be seized without warning.** Encourage clients to pack light and have a "go-bag" ready with essentials.
- **Keep Phones Charged:** Share locations of charging stations or distribute portable chargers if available.
- **Please consider sleeping in a shelter or another indoor location.** The President may be ordering law enforcement to forcibly remove anyone sleeping outside.
- **Keep your photo ID with you at all times.** Consider asking a friend or case manager to store important documents (such as your Social Security card or birth certificate) in a safe place.
- **Carry the phone number** of an emergency contact, such as a family member, friend, or case manager.
- **Keep a list of your medications** with you at all times.

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