

Procedure for Filing a Title VI/ADA Complaint

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The complaint procedures apply to the beneficiaries of **Community Counseling Center's** programs, activities, and services.

RIGHT TO FILE A COMPLAINT: Any person who believes they have been discriminated against on the basis of race, color, or national origin by **Community Counseling Center** may file a complaint by completing and submitting the agency's **Title VI/ADA Complaint Form**. Complaints must be received in writing within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory complaint.

HOW TO FILE A COMPLAINT: Information on how to file a Title VI/ADA complaint is posted on our agency's website, in public areas of our agency and in our paratransit vehicles.

You may download the **Community Counseling Center** Title VI/ADA Complaint Form at www.ccntr.com, or request a copy by writing to:

**Corporate Compliance Officer
Community Counseling Center
402 S. Silver Springs Rd
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703**

Information on how to file a Title VI complaint may also be obtained by calling **Community Counseling Center, Corporate Compliance Officer** at **573-334-1100**.

You may file a signed, dated complaint no more than 180 days from the date of the alleged incident. The complaint should include:

- Your name, address and telephone number.
- Specific, detailed information (how, why and when) about the alleged act of discrimination.
- Any other relevant information, including the names of any persons, if known, the agency should contact for clarity of the allegations.

Please submit your complaint form to:

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COMPLAINT ACCEPTANCE: **Community Counseling Center** will process complaints that are complete. Once a completed Title VI Complaint Form is received, **Community Counseling Center** will review it to determine if **Community Counseling Center** has jurisdiction. The complainant will receive an acknowledgement letter informing them whether or not the complaint will be investigated by **Community Counseling Center**.

INVESTIGATIONS: **Community Counseling Center** will generally complete an investigation within 90 days from receipt of a completed complaint form. If more information is needed to resolve the case, **Community Counseling Center** may contact the complainant. Unless a longer period is specified by **Community Counseling Center**, the complainant will have ten (10) days from the date of the letter to send requested information to the **Community Counseling Center** investigator assigned to the case.

If the requested information is not received within that timeframe, the case will be closed. Also, a case can be administratively closed if the complainant no longer wishes to pursue the case.

LETTERS OF CLOSURE OR FINDING: After the Title VI investigator reviews the complaint, the Title VI investigator will issue one of two letters to the complainant: a closure letter or letter of finding (LOF).

- A closure letter summarizes the allegations and states that there was not a Title VI violation and that the case will be closed.

- A Letter of Finding (LOF) summarizes the allegations and provides an explanation of the corrective action taken.

If the complainant disagrees with **Community Counseling Center's** determination, the complainant may request reconsideration by submitting the request in writing to the Title VI investigator within seven (7) days after the date of the letter of closure or letter of finding, stating with specificity the basis for the reconsideration. **Community Counseling Center** will notify the complainant of the decision either to accept or reject the request for reconsideration within ten (10) days. In cases where reconsideration is granted, **Community Counseling Center** will issue a determination letter to the complainant upon completion of the reconsideration review.

A person may also file a complaint directly with the **Federal Transit Administration, Office of Civil Rights, Region 7, 901 Locust Street, Suite 404, Kansas City, MO 64106**

To obtain additional information on your nondiscrimination rights or if information is needed in another language please contact:

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