

Recovery Ready Communities Certification Program Population Categories, Scoring, and Criteria

Population Size	Category	Total Points Required Per Category	Total Required Composite Score
200,000 or more	1	80	240
50,000 to 199,999	2	75	225
25,000 to 49,999	3	70	210
24,999 or less	4	60	180

Category		Possible Points	Resources/Interventions
Prevention			
	Community	4	Active local Ky-ASAP board that funds evidence-based prevention programs or interventions
	Community	2	Demonstrates cooperation or referral agreement between community partners on substance use disorder (SUD) issues
	Community	4	Safe medication disposal sites/programs
	Community	3	Assistance for houseless population with a special emphasis on SUD
	Community	5	Community-Based Organizations address needs around food, housing, and transportation insecurity
	Community	4	Evidence-based community youth prevention and education programs that complement school-based efforts
	School	5	Evidence-based youth prevention and education programs (Universal) in school
	School	5	Student assistance programs that promote access to appropriate interventions for SUD issues among student population
	School	3	School-based mental health professionals receive SUD anti-stigma training
	Mutual Aid	3	Pro-social peer group programs for youth

	Mutual Aid	3	Pro-social peer group programs for college-age individuals
	Mutual Aid	5	Active local chapters of recovery advocacy groups
	Healthcare	3	Pharmacies stock and dispense naloxone (At least 50% of community pharmacies)
	Harm Reduction	3	Harm reduction program
	Harm Reduction	5	Harm reduction program offers access to peer support and treatment location services
	Harm Reduction	2	Harm reduction program offers access to free vaccinations
	Harm Reduction	2	Harm reduction program offers access to free HIV and HCV testing
	Harm Reduction	5	Harm reduction program offers access to free syringe support services
	Harm Reduction	2	Harm reduction program offers access to fentanyl test strips
	Harm Reduction	3	Eligible healthcare practitioners in the community have completed required training and are actively accepting new patients choosing to utilize Buprenorphine
	Harm Reduction	4	Community hosts or participates in Naloxone training and distribution
	Harm Reduction	4	Hospital system that serves community participates in the Kentucky Statewide Opioid Stewardship program
	First Responders	4	First responders (Police, EMT, and Fire) are trained to administer and carry naloxone
	First Responders	3	First responders operate a naloxone leave behind program for patients and bystanders
	First Responders	5	Police-based deflection/diversion program for SUD/behavioral health issues
	First Responders	5	Law Enforcement, Fire, and EMS demonstrate the ability to perform treatment referrals
	Court	4	Court participates in Responsive Education to Support Treatment in Opioid Recovery Efforts (RESTORE) Training
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Treatment			
	Community	5	Access to locally funded treatment vouchers (other than KORE or UNITE) for individuals who need financial aid to access or complete treatment
	Community	3	Integrated community health worker, peer support specialist, or healthcare navigator program to assist people with SUD

	Healthcare	3	Eligible healthcare practitioners in the community have completed necessary training to prescribe buprenorphine
	Healthcare	2	Pharmacies stock and dispense all FDA- approved medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) and accept new patients
	Healthcare	3	Local hospital emergency department permits or provides peer support services and linkage to treatment services
	Healthcare	5	Local hospital provides access to MOUD in the emergency department or other hospital and clinic settings
	Healthcare	5	Access to all levels of evidence-based counseling services (ASAM Levels 1-3.7)
	Healthcare	5	Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Rural Health Clinic, or Primary Care provides SUD treatment services including FDA-approved MOUD therapies
	Healthcare	3	MOUD prescribers and community pharmacists serving the same patients demonstrate coordinated continuum of care
	Healthcare	3	Local hospital system and providers employ evidence-based pain management strategies or interventions
	Providers	5	Treatment providers utilize American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) assessments at intake and on an ongoing evaluation basis to determine length/intensity of treatment
	Providers	3	Treatment providers serving the community provide meaningful access to MOUD without arbitrary tapering or quantity limits not supported by ASAM
	Providers	4	Community provides access or transportation support to residential treatment services to all potential clients including pregnant and parenting women
	Providers	4	Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) is active in SUD/ODU assessment and treatment
	Providers	2	Treatment providers implement evidence-based treatment modalities that incorporate trauma-informed practices
	Providers	5	Demonstrated referral coordination among providers to ensure no treatment waiting lists for potential clients
	Providers	2	Access to simultaneous treatment of SUD and co-occurring mental health disorders
	Legal	3	Family Recovery/Drug Court
	Legal	3	Judges follow the recommendations of evidence-based assessments and do not order specific modalities or lengths of treatment not supported by the assessment
	Legal	3	Department of Public Advocacy's Alternative Sentencing Worker Program recommendations are utilized by local judges
	Legal	4	Prosecutor-based diversion or alternative sentencing program for SUD/behavioral health issues (i.e., Rocket Docket, MRRT,...)
	Legal	3	Casey's Law utilized by County Attorney
	Legal	2	Veterans Treatment Court or Veterans Treatment Docket
	Legal	4	Judges utilize graduated sanctions for probationers in regards to SUD issues
	Corrections	4	Inmate access to MOUD during incarceration and community supervision periods

	Corrections	4	State inmates serving time in county jails have access to evidence-based treatment programs
	Corrections	4	County inmates serving time in county jails access to evidence-based treatment programs
	First Responders	4	Community utilizes a multidisciplinary quick response team (QRT) for overdoses
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Recovery Support			
	Mutual aid	3	Recovery support meetings that occur at least once a day
	Mutual aid	5	Recovery support meetings scheduled in a way that support multiple schedules or work shifts
	Mutual aid	5	Recovery support meetings open to and supportive of people choosing to utilize MOUD in their recovery
	Mutual aid	5	Recovery support meetings for family/loved ones
	Employers	3	SUD anti-stigma training for employers
	Employers	3	Local chamber of commerce has a policy or resolution encouraging members to engage in fair chance employment
	Employers	4	Local employers employ individuals in treatment or recovery and those who may be justice-involved
	Employers	5	Local employers adopt employee assistance programs (EAP) consistent with Kentucky Transformation Employment Program (KTEP)
	Corrections	3	Jail-based work release program that incorporates local fair chance employers
	Corrections	4	Jail-based education and employment services
	Corrections	5	Jail-based re-entry support services provided prior to release (e.g., IDs, take home maintenance medications, take home naloxone kits...)
	Government	3	SUD anti-stigma trainings for public officials and first responders
	Community	3	Community has available recovery housing stock
	Community	5	Recovery housing adheres to either National Association of Recovery Residences (NARR) standards or the Oxford House model
	Community	5	Available recovery housing stock allows residents who utilize MOUD
	Community	3	Revolving loan fund for rental and utility deposits
	Community	3	Quality affordable childcare programs or subsidies for people affected by SUD
	Community	4	Access to no or low-cost employment and educational opportunities
	Community	5	Recovery Community Center (RCC)
	Community	5	Community RCC adheres to the Association of Recovery Community Organizations (ARCO) National Standards of Best Practices for Recovery Community Organizations

	Community	4	SUD anti-stigma trainings for faith-based community
	Community	4	SUD anti-stigma training for community members
	Community	3	Community or nonprofits provide access to high speed/reliable internet service at no cost for individuals in recovery to explore educational or employment options
	Community	3	Access to free expungement services for individuals in treatment or recovery
	Community	5	Access to transportation solutions for individuals in treatment or recovery
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Total Possible Points		300	