

Lafayette House
Privacy and Security Notice
Use of Comparable Database by Victim Service Providers

As a recipient of ESG funds, Lafayette House is required to report certain aggregate client information for the purposes of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). Because Lafayette House is defined as a Victim Service Provider (VSP), we are prohibited from entering Personal Identifying Information (PII) into the HMIS database, but we are required to gather and report aggregate client data through the use of a Comparable Database.

Our agency, at any time, may receive funds from Office of Violence Against Women (OVW), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) programs, or Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA). Violence Against Women Act (an OVW program), Victims of Crime Act (an OVC program), and FVPSA “...contain strong, legally codified confidentiality provisions that limit VSPs from sharing, disclosing, or revealing victims’ PII, including entering information into shared databases like HMIS. These provisions underpin confidentiality practices that protect the safety and privacy of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking who are seeking services.”

This organization utilizes a comparable database that “...meets all HMIS Data Standards and the minimum standards of HMIS privacy and security requirements, including HUD’s most recent reporting standards and comma separated value (CSV) format specifications.”

Our agency is committed to protecting your privacy and does not voluntarily disclose Personal Identifying Information without your express written, time-limited consent.

If you feel your right to confidentiality has been violated or feel you have been put at risk, you may file a complaint or grievance with Susan Hickam, Executive Director, susanhickam@lafayettehouse.org or call 417-782-1772 for submission guidance.

Additional information concerning HMIS reporting requirements, confidentiality, privacy, and security can be gained through <https://files.hudexchange.info>

Resources: HUD Exchange Resources including, but not limited to, COVID-19 Homeless System Response: VSP Comparable Database & Reporting Requirements and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Comparable Database Decision Tree