



Mental Health Court

Chattanooga | Hamilton County



Service Recipient Equal Opportunity Notification Form

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 was passed to ensure the people of the United States equal treatment, rights and opportunities regardless of race, color, or national origin. Title VI of that Act prohibits discrimination in federally funded programs.

“No person in the United States shall, on the basis of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.” Included under National Origin is discrimination based on a person’s inability to speak, read, write, or understand English. Persons whose primary language is no English can be Limited English Proficient or “LEP”. These individuals may be entitled to language assistance with respect to a particular type of service, benefit, or encounter.

All programs and operations of entities that receive assistance from the federal government must comply.

It is important that all applicants and recipients of services know about their rights under the law, and that employees of the Hamilton County Mental Health Court, as well as other agencies, organizations, institutions, and contractors providing services with state support understand what the law requires. Complaints must be filed in writing with the Hamilton County Title VI Department or with the appropriate regional or central office of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; or with the Office of Civil Rights, 101 Marietta Tower, Suite 2706, Atlanta, Georgia 30323. Hamilton County Mental Health Court does not, because of **race, color, or national origin**:

- Deny an individual any services, opportunities, or benefit for which he/she is otherwise qualified;
- Provide any individual with any service, or other benefit, which is different or is provided in a different manner from that which is provided to others under the program;
- Subject any individual to segregated or separate treatment in any manner related to his/her receipt of service;
- Restrict an individual in any way in the employment of services, facilities or any other advantage, privilege or other benefit provided to others under the program;
- Adopt methods of administration which would limit participation by any group of recipients or subject to discrimination;
- Address an individual in a manner that denotes inferiority because of race, color, or national origin.

Copies of this form can be provided for your information. If you have questions concerning Title VI, please contact the Hamilton County Title VI Department by calling (433) 209-6146 or via email to TitleVI@hamiltontn.gov. The Title VI Department is located at 317 Oak Street, Suite 220, Chattanooga, TN 37403.

Service Recipient’s Printed Name: _____

Service Recipient’s Signature: _____

HCMHC Staff Printed Name: _____

HCMHC Staff Signature: _____ Date: _____