

Recovering Professional Program (RPP)

The Recovering Professional Program (RPP) is a confidential professional substance abuse monitoring service contracted through the Lexington Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council (LRADAC) to address the problem of impaired healthcare professionals. The RPP was developed originally by LLR for the Boards of Dentistry, Medical Examiners, Nursing, and Pharmacy to provide a consistent, accountable mechanism for early identification, referral and monitoring of licensees with substance abuse problems. It now is available to other licensed healthcare professionals in participating programs. The Board of Examiners in Occupational Therapy has decided to make the services of the RPP available to its licensees.

The RPP is designed both to be an alternative and a supplement to the board's disciplinary process. The RPP accepts both board referrals and voluntary participants for a five-year monitoring program in which licensees have an opportunity to return to safe effective practice. Voluntary participants remain anonymous to the licensing board so long as they are compliant with RPP requirements. The program management is funded through LLR. Participants pay all costs associated with their individual participation, such as evaluation, treatment, and drug screens.

The participating boards, professional associations, and agencies are represented on the RPP Advisory Committee, which provides advice and guidance to the RPP and agencies on policy matters. The Advisory Committee also provides oversight for the participating boards of RPP compliance with procedures approved for their licensees. More information on the RPP is available at www.scrpp.org.