

Ohio Recovery Housing Quick Facts

Myth	Fact
Recovery Housing will lower property values	While there is no direct research on recovery housing, data analysis concerning affordable housing found no relationship between affordable housing and property values
Crime rates will increase	Peer reviewed research found no difference in crime rates in neighborhoods surrounding recovery houses vs. neighborhoods with no recovery houses
Children will be exposed to drugs and drug use	The addiction crisis has brought drug addiction into all our communities. Researchers found that people who live in recovery homes have lower incidents of drug use than people who return to communities after usual care
The house will look bad, making the neighborhood look bad	While there is no research on the appearance of recovery homes, you can remind community members that the recovery house will be subject to the same laws as all neighborhoods in the community and your commitment to have well-maintained policies
Strangers will loiter in the neighborhood or there will be drug deals in the house	Recovery housing, by definition, is an environment free of alcohol and illicit drug use. The recovery house will have specific policies and procedures concerning how the environment will be maintained, how substance use by residents will be handled, etc. and will align with best practices