

Rural Communities Opioid Response Program – Implementation

RCORP-I

Program Goals

The goal of this program is to implement robust, evidenced-based interventions and promising practice models that expand access and strengthen the quality of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) or Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) services with an emphasis on prevention, treatment and recovery in Independence, Izard, Jackson, Lawrence and Sharp counties.

Objectives

- Incorporate prevention activities and disseminate program materials throughout each county – including access to trainings, referral resources and informational tools
- Increase SUD/OUD treatment and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services
- Engage and empower communities, families and caregivers by providing evidence-based and best practice SUD/OUD recovery model tools
- Utilize materials to enhance prevention activities and training for community organizations' SUD/OUD services
- Engage treatment providers to include services for pregnant and post-partum women who are at risk for SUD/OUD

History and Capacity with Consortium

ARcare and White County Medical Center (Unity Health) were members of AFMC's FY18 RCORP-Planning Consortium and are pleased to continue with RCORP-Implementation. With the addition of White River Health System to the consortium, each of the five targeted counties will now have at least one service location. All consortium organizations are known as anchor institutions and health leaders in their communities.



Tertiary Supporting Stakeholders

- Arkansas Collegiate Network (ACN)
- Arkansas Department of Education (ADE)
- Arkansas Department of Health (ADH)
- Arkansas Sheriffs' Association (ASA)
- Association of Arkansas Counties (AAC)
- Mental Health Council of Arkansas (MHCA)
- University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR)
- UA Criminal Justice Institute (CJI)

The **Arkansas Office of State Drug Director (OSDD)** will serve as an important stakeholder in this effort. The office will provide information and assistance to link consortium members to ongoing substance abuse prevention initiatives in the target counties and statewide peer recovery supports through the Peers Achieving Collaborative Treatment (PACT) program.

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Targeted Counties Evaluation Metrics

- Opioid related fatalities
- Opioid prescription rates
- EMS naloxone administrations
- Arrests for drug related offenses
- Screenings conducted for SUD/ODU
- New MAT providers
- Providers engaging in data submission
- OUD/SOU workshop training tracks
- County Coroners using MDI Log
- Media campaign reach
- Stigma reduction activities and workshops
- Distribution of OUD/SUD materials
- Addition of partners and collaborators developed by the Peer Recovery Specialists (PRS)
- Number of referrals from primary care providers to PRS
- Number of referrals from law enforcement
- Access to and use of telehealth

The consortium will engage stakeholders to convene community collaborators quarterly in year one and bi-annually in year two and three to discuss lessons learned and best practices to use for SUD/ODU

AFMC Will:

- Serve as the lead organization for this effort
- Coordinate and facilitate meetings
- Support and engage in all grant activities
- Provide peer recovery services addressing gaps in service offerings
- Engage consortium members and community stakeholders through collaboration meetings
- Track and analyze data
- Provide project evaluation
- Ensure project management for timely completion of deliverables
- Provide required reports
- Be responsible for effective collaboration, information sharing and outcome measurement
- Hire peer recovery staff who will service all providers in the catchment area

Partners Will:

- Support and engage in OUD/SUD grant activities
- Participate in meetings and round-table discussions
- Assist program by tracking and providing aggregate data on number of people seen for MAT services within their county
- Offer subject matter expertise to engage their community
- Help increase screening for SUD/ODU using a standardized screening tool and assess patients as necessary
- Work with the consortium members to implement a referral process to connect “at risk” clients with an AFMC peer recovery specialist

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