



Opioid Settlement Recommendations

Substance Awareness Center
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Possible Strategies to Address the Opioid Crisis in IRC

- 1. Needs Assessment & Strategic Plan**
- 2. Jail Treatment Program**
- 3. Mobile Outreach Van**
- 4. Training**
- 5. Expanding SAC Treatment and Prevention Services**

The Issue: 2021 NSDUH Data

94%

of people aged 12 and older with a Substance Use Disorder **did not receive treatment.**

Reasons for not receiving treatment:

- No health care coverage and not being able to afford **the cost of treatment**
- Not knowing **where to go for treatment**
- Not being able to find a program that offered **the type of treatment they wanted**
- They could **handle the problem without treatment**
- Concerned that getting treatment might have a **negative effect on their job**

Substance Use Needs Assessment

Goal: Understand the unique needs of Indian River County and persons most impacted by the opioid crisis.

- **Areas of Focus:**
 - Comprehensive data analysis
 - Key Informant/Focus Group Interviews with those directly impacted by the opioid epidemic
 - Update the Sequential Intercept Mapping done by USF in 2018
 - Strategic planning meeting to strengthen the system of care in IRC from prevention to recovery.



Estimated Cost:
\$35,000 to
50,000

Quote provided by CARE Team

Jail Treatment Program

Goal: Reduce the Impact of Substance Use Disorder

- Estimated **65%** of the United States jail/prison population has an active Substance Use Disorder.
- Lack of treatment services in jail was identified as a gap on the 2018 Sequential Intercept Mapping

Recommendation:

- Intensive jail-based treatment program
(DCF License IOP or Day Treatment 9-16 hours of services per week)
- Include MAT services in collaboration with TCCH
- Data from current SAC programming highlights need to expand services.
- Several comments from May-August 2023 cohorts expressed wanting longer sessions and more services.

Mobile Outreach Van

Goal: Reduce barriers and increase access to services.

- Mobile Outreach Vans are an effective tool to engage hard to reach populations
- Can provide variety of services related to substance use treatment and prevention.
- Service suggestions for a Mobile Outreach Van in Indian River County:
 - Mobile urine collections
 - Overdose education including Narcan dissemination
 - Screening and referrals for Treatment
 - Peer Outreach and Support



Training

Goal: Reduce stigma and increase knowledge about SUD

Stigma can have a significant impact individuals with SUD

- Can reduce willingness for persons with SUD to seek treatment
- Can also impact care provided by health care providers

Recommendation:

- Form task force or committee
- Create a training plan to meet community needs
 - Focus on training for healthcare providers, businesses, law enforcement, and the judicial system.

Expanding SAC Treatment and Prevention

Goal: Reduce the Impact of Substance Use Disorder

- Provides treatment and prevention services in Indian River County since 1989.
- Provides services regardless of ability to pay.
 - Treatment clients pay an average of \$3 a visit.
- All programs offered under Prevention Works! and Recovery Works! are acceptable uses of Settlement Funds.
- Current capacity is limited due to lack of space.
- Additional funding can increase the capacity of Substance Awareness Center to provide treatment and prevention services to Indian River County.

Key Takeaways

Focus: Increase community capacity to better serve individuals with Substance Use Disorder

1. **Needs Assessment-** Road Map for Long Term Success
2. **Jail Treatment Program-** Reduce recidivism, relapse, misconduct, and increase positive engagement
3. **Mobile Outreach Van-** Reduce barriers, increase access and engagement
4. **System-wide Trainings-** Change knowledge and attitudes
5. **Expand SAC Treatment and Prevention-** Reduce substance misuse, increase positive coping skills, resistance skills, and functioning.