

Project Primary Goals and Objectives

The overarching goal of the project is to decrease opiate and stimulant use disorders (including cocaine and methamphetamine) and related mortalities. AHCCCS will strive to meet this goal by increasing access to U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)- approved medications for the treatment of opiate use disorder (OUD) and through the implementation of and access to, a robust and culturally competent continuum of care comprised of evidence-based practices including harm reduction, treatment and recovery support services, and prevention programming. Provider recipients of SOR funding will be trauma-informed and proficient in the assessment and treatment for concurrent substance use disorders and co-occurring diagnoses (substance misuse/abuse and mental health symptoms) in addition to addressing social determinants of health prioritizing whole-person care.

AHCCCS' project approach involves active collaboration with state-level, regional, and local partners who have proven histories for successful implementation of substance use prevention programming and evidence-based treatment/practices that address the continuum of needs related to opioid and stimulant misuse, abuse, and dependence. These partners will be responsible for providing all services referenced within this application.

Prevention

Goal 1: Increase prevention activities that are designed to reduce OUD and stimulant related deaths.

- **Objective:** Decrease opioid-related overdose deaths through the purchase and distribution of naloxone kits for first responders, community agencies, tribal communities and special populations including, but not limited to, individuals identifying as LGBTQ+.
- **Objective:** Increase training of peers, first responders and the community on recognizing overdose, as well as the administration of naloxone and/or other FDA approved medications to reverse overdose.
- **Objective:** Increase training, practice consultation, and mentoring of prescribers regarding complex case management, MOUD referrals, Arizona Opioid Prescribing Guidelines, rules for licensed health care facilities, and available resources.
- **Objective:** Increase prevention programming in rural and Tribal communities.

Goal 2: Increase trauma-informed community and school-based primary prevention activities.

- **Objective:** Increase community knowledge, awareness, and preventative action for opioid and stimulant misuse and abuse through educating the community and treatment providers on trauma-informed prevention and the consequences of opioid

and stimulant use. Targeted implementation will occur for youth (including school-based prevention), tribal populations, veterans, individuals with physical disabilities, parents with complex legal histories/detainment, individuals who are living with a brain-injury, individuals who have experienced trauma, and those identified as having co-occurring SUD and mental health disorders.

- **Objective:** Increase parent participation in prevention and treatment by eliminating transportation and childcare-related barriers.
- **Objective:** Develop the workforce by increasing the number of providers trained on and implementing the Healthy Families home visiting program, Supporting and Enhancing NICU Sensory Experiences (SENSE), and other supportive parenting programs designed to target individuals and families at high-risk for opioid/stimulant misuse and abuse.
- **Objective:** In addition to opiate and stimulant misuse and abuse, increase community knowledge about the risks related to tobacco/vaping and alcohol.
- **Objective:** Implement the evidence-based Healthy Families program in detainment facilities.
- **Objective:** Increase students' ability to self-regulate and develop classroom management skills.

Treatment

Goal 3: Increase access to Arizona's MOUD treatment services.

- **Objective:** Increase prescriber capacity by offering a forum to receive consultation, education, online suboxone prescriptions, and ongoing training.
- **Objective:** Sustain and increase services in regional 24/7 Opioid Treatment Programs (OTP) to ensure timely access to intake, assessment, and inductions, as well as provide ongoing medication and psychosocial services for MOUD, SUD, concurrent SUD, and co-occurring (mental health and substance abuse) diagnoses.
- **Objective:** Implement mobile MOUD units in rural areas where MOUD clinics are not available and/or transportation is a barrier to individuals accessing services.
- **Objective:** Mobilize navigation, outreach, and peer support workers to outreach individuals living with an OUD/StUD/SUD and aid them in securing treatment and other ancillary resources.
- **Objective:** Establish transitional-aged youth and young adult access to MOUD treatment by adding a MOUD provider who serves adolescents, while also conducting a needs assessment to determine where additional MOUD services are needed.
- **Objective:** Disseminate and market statewide resources, coinciding call-lines, and websites to the public to create a "no wrong door" approach for individuals to access the continuum of care in a timely manner.

Recovery

Goal 4: Increase access to short-term and long-term recovery support services.

- **Objective:** Increase access to recovery support providers by expanding outreach activities that include legal services, drug testing, harm reduction activities (including the distribution of fentanyl test strips, hygiene kits, dental kits, education on harm reduction services, recovery coaching, HIV, HEP C, and HPV testing), and linking clients to ongoing MOUD treatment and other ancillary services.
- **Objective:** Address psycho-social stressors and Social Determinants of Health that risk clients' ability to maintain sobriety by expanding and promoting community-based support programs including vocational training, placement, employment support, life-skills training, family support services, and other programs, with additional focus on Tribal communities.
- **Objective:** Increase access to stable recovery housing for individuals at risk for relapse/opiate use by assisting with rental fees, deposits, etc.
- **Objective:** Provide targeted recovery support services for individuals living with brain injuries and those living with a spinal cord injury.
- **Objective:** Preserve the family institution by increasing recovery support services for pregnant women and parenting families with a history of OUD/stimulant use by providing in-home programs for parents who are involved with the Department of Child Safety and/or have a history of outpatient, intensive outpatient, and/or partial hospital levels of care.