Substance Use Disorder: Reentry Strategies
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RECOVERY

Focused Intervention

REENTRY
Building Bridges to a Better Community!

The REACH Initiative in West Virginia in partnership with the Benedum Foundation

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In West Virginia, there are currently over 851 Collateral Consequences resulting from a felony conviction and if you include Federal Consequences there are 1,900!
REACH Helps Individuals Identify Personal Barriers

- Basic Needs: Food, Clothing, Housing
- Healthcare / Mental Health
- Transportation
- Lack of Relationships
- Lack of Financial Resources
- Lack of Education / Training
- Criminal Record
- Childcare/Custody/Support
- Substance Abuse
- Lack of Self Confidence
- Unrealistic Expectations

Funding started in January 2020 under the West Virginia Council of Churches, then in April 2022 under The REACH Initiative when they became a 501c3
Bev Sharp, *Founder and Executive Director of the REACH Initiative & WV Reentry Councils*

- Working in partnership with the Day Report Center covering Logan, Lincoln, Mingo and Boone counties
- Located in the Community Development Center in Logan
- Assisting clients with preparing for employment, training, education, developing skillsets, finding not just employment but careers earning a living wage
We Build Effective Collaboration with these Relevant Community Partners!

- Health Medical Mental
- Education
- Community Support
- Reentry
- Housing
- Employment
- Faith Based
The Key is Forming Partnerships
INspire: recovery to career

The Importance of Partnership

• Jointly funded with ARC, the INspire program has grown to cover 17 counties through partnership with three regional COGs
• The program uses career readiness as a primary means to develop and sustain recovery capital
• Lived experience in Reentry & Recovery surrounds new participants in hope, support, & accountability
• Employer relationships and knowledge of vocational supports provide pathways to high-quality careers
First at Blue Ridge

jail diversion

Working from the Inside-Out

• First at Blue Ridge is a residential therapeutic community focused on recovery from Substance Use Disorder
• In 2021, they tailored their programming to fit the needs of individuals in Buncombe Co. detention with qualifying diagnoses, allowing them to await trial in treatment instead of jail
• Critical to the process is the infrastructure of willing judges, attorneys, jail administrators, and case managers within the justice system
• In 2022, 60 participated, with 2/3 successfully completing the program and moving on to long-term community support & employment
Voices of Affrilachia
Reentry & Recovery
Culturally-Competent Care

• Co-funded with NC DHHS, VOA serves 7 counties in WNC with BIPOC led recovery & reentry supports, and works to expand the pipeline of BIPOC professionals into the field
• 87% job retention rate among participants
• 6% recidivism through 8 months
• All but 7 of the first 117 clients maintained safe, stable housing
• They’ve trained 43 new Peer Support Specialists, and 13 Community Health Workers
Grant Funding in Action: Improving Access to Care for Reentering People in Rural Communities

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Anna Swanson, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP)
Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
Health Resources and Services Administration

Overview

• Supports more than 90 programs that provide health care to people who are geographically isolated, economically or medically challenged

• Over 3,000 awardees, including community and faith-based organizations, colleges and universities, hospitals, state, local, and tribal governments, and private entities

• Every year, HRSA programs serve tens of millions of people, including people with HIV/AIDS, pregnant people and their families, and those otherwise unable to access quality health care
The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) collaborates with rural communities and partners to support community programs and shape policy that will improve health in rural America.

Cross Agency Collaboration
- Works across HRSA, HHS, & several other federal partners to accomplish its goals

Capacity Building
- Increases access to health care for people in rural communities through grant programs and public partnerships

Voice for Rural
- Advises the HHS Secretary on policy and regulation that affect rural areas
Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP)
Reducing Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) in Rural Communities

• The Rural Communities Opioid Response Program is a multi-year $500+ million initiative launched in FY 2018 that provides direct funding and technical assistance to rural communities to improve access to behavioral health care services, including SUD/OUD prevention, treatment, and recovery.

• Since 2018, FORHP has made RCORP investments across 47 states and 2 territories, reaching 1,800+ rural counties

• In 2022 RCORP awarded over $130 million in more than 160 grants and cooperative agreements that will directly support the behavioral health needs of rural communities across the country.
Innovative RCORP Grantee Examples
Connecting Individuals to Resources Both During Incarceration and Upon Release

• **Wilson County Substance Abuse Coalition, North Carolina**
  - Leverage grant funding to cover costs associated with needed in-patient or out-patient treatment and increase access to recovery support services such as free quarterly expungement clinics.

• **Metastar, Sauk County, Wisconsin**
  - RCORP funds supported the hiring of a Re-Entry Coordinator (a former parole officer) who sets up appointments and assists individuals in applying for services such as Medication-Assisted Treatment, domestic and sexual violence support, transportation, re-enrolling in Badger Care (Medicaid), and career coaches.

• **St. Claire Medical Center Inc., Kentucky**
  - Established the “First Day Forward Program” which pairs justice involved individuals with a Peer Support professional that creates individualized pre and post-release case plans. The peer has helped individuals obtain identification cards, SNAP benefits, health insurance etc.

• **Shortgrass Community Health Center, Oklahoma**
  - Implementing a [Transitions Clinic Network (TCN)](https://example.com) program in order to address health care needs for a reentering person’s physical, behavioral, and social determinant health needs. First of its kind in the state of Oklahoma.
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