

## State Opioid Response III Grant - Project Primary Goals and Objectives

The overarching goal of the project is to increase access to Medications for the treatment of Opiate Use Disorder (MOUD), coordinated and integrated care, and recovery support services to reduce the prevalence of OUDs, Stimulant Use Disorder, and stimulant/opioid related overdose deaths in the state of Arizona. The project approach includes developing and supporting state, regional and local level collaborations, substance use disorder (SUD) prevention programming, and service enhancements that enact evidence-based practices that comprehensively address the full continuum of care related to stimulant and opioid misuse, abuse, and dependence.

### Prevention

#### **Goal 1: Increase trauma-informed prevention activities designed to reduce OUDs, stimulant use disorder, and opioid-related deaths.**

- **Objective:** Decrease opioid-related overdose deaths by purchasing and distributing naloxone kits for first responders, community agencies, and tribal communities. This objective will incorporate the training of peers, first responders and the community on recognizing overdose, as well as the administration of naloxone to reverse overdose.
- **Objective:** Increase community knowledge, awareness and preventative action for opioid and stimulant misuse and abuse. This will be accomplished by implementing a suite of multifaceted strategies geared toward 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 and individuals who have experienced trauma and toxic stress.
- **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 to mitigate the number of individuals and families at high-risk for opioid/stimulant misuse and abuse.
- **Objective:** Increase the number of parents who participate in prevention and treatment by reducing childcare and transportation related barriers.
- **Objective:** Increase training, practice consultation and mentoring of prescribers on complex case management, MOUD referrals, Arizona Opioid Prescribing Guidelines, new rules for licensed health care facilities, and available resources.

## Treatment

### Goal 2: Improve access and retention in Arizona's comprehensive MOUD system.

- **Objective:** Implement workforce development by increasing the number of MOUD providers through the availability of consultation platforms and resources and educational materials.
- **Objective:** Sustain and enhance services in regional 24/7 Opioid Treatment Programs (OTP) and extend hours in existing OTPs to ensure timely access to intake, assessment, and inductions, in addition to providing ongoing medication and psychosocial services for MOUD.
- **Objective:** Sustain and enhance services to conduct outreach and navigation of individuals living with stimulant use disorders and OUD into evidence-based treatment and ancillary resources.
- **Objective:** Create mobile MOUD units to serve individuals in rural areas where MOUD clinics are not available, and/or transportation is a barrier to accessing services from a standing MOUD clinic.

## Recovery

### Goal 3: Improve access to short-term and long-term recovery support services.

- **Objective:** Increase access to recovery support services by sustaining and expanding the OUD/stimulant use disorder peer support network. Increased access will provide community-based recovery support that includes family support services, vocational training, placement, employment support, life-skills training, and supportive programming for recovery success.
- **Objective:** Work with recovery support providers to expand existing outreach activities that consists of linking clients to opioid/stimulant use treatment, recovery coaches, the provision of HIV and hepatitis testing, legal services, drug/toxicology testing, harm reduction activities including the purchase and distribution of fentanyl test strips, education, promoting harm reduction services within treatment settings, and the distribution of dental kits for individuals participating in buprenorphine treatment.
- **Objective:** Increase access to recovery and supportive housing by standing up additional units in underserved areas and increasing opportunities for rental assistance (including assistance with fees, deposits, etc.) for individuals entering stimulant/OUD treatment.
- **Objective:** Increase recovery supports for pregnant women and parents receiving OUD/stimulant use treatment through nurse home visiting programs for parents involved with the Department of Child Safety (DCS) and individuals with outpatient, intensive outpatient, and/or partial hospital levels of care.