

Kentucky Opioid Response Effort (KORE) Programs

Mission Statement: Guided by the Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care Framework, the purpose of KORE is to implement a comprehensive targeted response to Kentucky’s opioid crisis by expanding access to a full continuum of high quality, evidence-based opioid prevention, treatment, recovery support services. Informed by data on populations most in need, KORE initiatives focus on four primary populations: 1) persons who have experienced an opioid-related overdose; 2) pregnant and parenting women with opioid use disorder (OUD); 3) justice-involved individuals with OUD; and 4) children, transition-age youth, and families impacted by OUD.

KORE has outlined the highest priorities across each level of care: 1) prevent the initiation of opioid use; 2) prevent the misuse of opioids; 3) expand harm reduction activities; 4) improve early identification of intervention need; 5) increase treatment access and retention; 6) increase access to evidence-based treatment including utilization of medications for opioid use disorder; 7) expand recovery support; and 8) build a state infrastructure that supports the implementation of high-quality, evidence-based practices. KORE has established strategies and programs to target each priority effectively.



KORE programs, vendors, and counties currently served:

PREVENTION
<p>Sources of Strength: Universal school-based prevention program implemented in middle and high schools statewide. The curriculum aims to build socio-ecological protective influences among youth by conducting well-defined social messaging activities intended to change peer group norms influencing coping practices and problem behaviors, including drug use, self-harm and unhealthy sexual practices. Protective factors among students are also enhanced, including help seeking, youth-adult connections, school engagement, and increased likelihood to refer a friend.</p> <p>Vendor(s): Middle and high schools</p> <p>Counties Served: Adair; Allen; Barren; Butler; Bracken; Breathitt; Carlisle ; Clinton; Cumberland; Daviess; Fleming; Floyd; Gallatin; Grant; Hardin; Henry; Hopkins; Jefferson; Larue; Lewis; Mason; McCracken; Metcalfe; Nelson; Owen; Robertson; Scott; Spencer; Trigg; Trimble; Warren; Webster</p>
<p>Too Good for Drugs: Universal school-based prevention program for grades K-12 builds life skills, character values, and resistance skills to negative peer influence and to the use of illegal drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. 86 elementary schools, 86 middle schools, 86 high schools, and 86 after school programs will implement the curriculum in Fall 2019</p> <p>Vendor(s): Elementary, middle, and high schools; after school programs</p> <p>Counties Served: Statewide; specific counties TBD</p>
<p>Positive Action: An evidence-based program that teaches students about the value of positive actions and the consequences of substance use. The Positive Action curriculum is being delivered within 11 high-need KY Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs. Prevention specialists have been hired and trained to deliver the Positive Action curriculum.</p> <p>Vendor(s): Kentucky Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs of America</p> <p>Counties Served: Statewide</p>
<p>Youth Mental Health First Aid: Youth Mental Health First Aid increases knowledge of signs, symptoms, and risk factors of mental illness and addiction; ability to identify multiple resources; confidence in and likelihood to help those in distress; mental wellness; and reduces stigma. School staff and community will be trained in Fall 2019.</p> <p>Vendor(s): Regional prevention centers (RPCs)</p> <p>Counties Served: Statewide</p>

Prevention Solutions: This partnership will provide training and expert consultation to the 14 regional prevention centers working to address substance misuse and related problems in their communities. The following will be developed to support these training and consultation efforts: 1) a Workforce Capacity Building Training Plan to identify current training strengths and gaps; 2) a customized Training on Effective Technical Assistance (TA) to be administered to statewide prevention specialists; 3) a mechanism for a Community of Practice for TA Providers; and 4) six Opioid Prevention Toolkits for the following community sectors: education, juvenile justice, child welfare, business, government, and the faith community.

Vendor(s): Prevention Solutions@EDC (Education Development Center); regional prevention centers

Counties Served: Statewide

Community Coalition Building: Additional prevention support staff have been embedded into each of the 14 regional prevention centers to align coalition efforts, shape community efforts, and increase the number of professionals with expertise in OUD prevention. Fourteen new collaboration specialists are working to engage and equip community coalitions and stakeholder agencies to become more effectively involved in opioid prevention efforts. Fourteen new youth empowerment specialists are working to empower youth to become involved as part of the solution to problems within their communities. In addition, seven public health and social work undergraduate students have been placed as interns at RPCs and Drug Free Community coalitions to support opioid prevention efforts.

Vendor(s): Regional prevention centers

Counties Served: Statewide

Opioid Stewardship: The Kentucky Hospital Association is implementing a Statewide Opioid Stewardship (SOS) to reduce opioid overprescribing and improve safe opioid use by providing hospitals and health systems with education and resources on how to attain the highest level of performance on opioid stewardship.

Vendor(s): Kentucky Hospital Association

Counties Served: Statewide

Opioid Stewardship Targeting Pediatricians: The Kentucky Pediatric Society Foundation developed and provided a webinar to educate pediatricians statewide on opioid use in Kentucky, opioid stewardship, and strategies for educating families on prevention, safe storage and disposal solutions, and treatment resources. Program completed May 2019.

Vendor(s): Kentucky Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

Counties Served: Statewide

Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) Consultants: Family-centered training on parenting skills, bonding, resilience, and healthy attachment is being implemented at all 14 community mental health centers. ECMH consultants provide consultation, training, and coaching to families, medical, child welfare, and women's treatment staff and other community partners on the impact of opioid use on: infants; early childhood development; healthy attachment; and building resilience in families impacted by substance use.

Vendor(s): Community mental health centers; Department for Public Health (DPH)

Counties Served: Statewide

Nurturing Parenting Program: Nurturing Parenting is an evidence-based, family-centered, trauma-informed initiative designed to build nurturing parenting skills as an alternative to abusive and neglectful parenting and child-rearing practices. Eighty program staff in the Department of Corrections, the Administrative Office of the Courts, women's residential facilities, and programs for young parents will become certified facilitators in the Nurturing Parenting Program and begin conducting Nurturing Parenting groups for parents with OUD.

Vendor(s): Department for Public Health

Counties Served: Statewide

HARM REDUCTION

Naloxone Distribution: The Department for Public Health serves as the centralized coordinator of naloxone distribution statewide. DPH ensures coordinated distribution of naloxone to individuals at community events, pharmacies; or post-incarceration through pharmacy partnerships; and to treatment programs, local health departments, Syringe Service Programs, and hospitals. Treatment providers, coalitions, and others can request Narcan through the Kentucky Pharmacists Association. People Advocating Recovery distributes naloxone at community events targeting eastern Kentucky.

Vendor(s): Department for Public Health; Kentucky Pharmacists Association; People Advocating Recovery

Counties Served: Statewide

Syringe Service Program Support: Harm Reduction Syringe Exchange Programs (HRSEPs) are funded to support coalition building, education and awareness activities, increase operating hours and capacity, and enhance linkage to treatment for individuals with OUD who access HRSEP services. Forty-five HRSEPs have been funded to date.

Vendor(s): Department for Public Health

Counties Served: Adair; Breathitt; Campbell; Carroll; Casey; Clinton; Cumberland; Daviess; Estill; Fayette; Floyd; Gallatin; Grant; Green; Greenup; Hardin; Harrison; Henderson; Henry; Jackson; Jefferson; Jessamine; Kenton; Knott; Leslie; Madison; McCreary; Mercer; Muhlenberg; Nelson; Nicholas; Owen; Pendleton; Powell; Pulaski; Rockcastle; Russell; Scott; Shelby; Simpson; Spencer; Taylor; Trimble; Wayne, Whitley; Woodford

Opioid Overdose Toolkit Training: Kentucky-specific curricula were developed based on SAMHSA's Opioid Overdose Prevention Toolkit. The curricula targeted prescribers, first responders, and the general community. Trainings took place between September 2017 and May 2019.

Vendor(s): Regional prevention centers

Counties Served: Adair, Anderson, Bath, Bell, Bracken, Breathitt, Boone, Bourbon, Boyd, Boyle, Bullitt, Campbell, Carroll, Carter, Casey, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Elliott, Estill, Fayette, Fleming, Floyd, Franklin, Gallatin, Garrard, Grant, Green, Greenup, Harlan, Harrison, Henry, Jackson, Jessamine, Jefferson, Johnson, Kenton, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Lincoln, Madison, Magoffin, Martin, Mason, McCreary, Menifee, Mercer, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Oldham, Owen, Owsley, Pendleton, Perry, Pike, Powell, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Rowan, Russell, Shelby, Scott, Spencer, Taylor, Trimble, Wayne, Whitley, Wolfe, Woodford

EARLY INTERVENTION

Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Training and Promotion: Collaborations with the Kentucky Academy of Family Physicians (<http://www.kafp.org/sbirt-training-2/>) and the Kentuckiana Health Collaborative were established to increase awareness and promote the use of SBIRT among family medicine physicians. To enhance sustainability of this training, education around SBIRT billing and reimbursement was provided through a Kentucky-specific toolkit (<https://www.khcollaborative.org/sbirt/>). Program completed May 2019.

Vendor(s): Kentuckiana Health Collaborative; Kentucky Academy of Family Physicians

Counties Served: Statewide

Quick Response Team (QRT) Start-Up or Expansion: Response teams provide a way for public safety officials to work with behavioral health providers to serve individuals who have experienced an opioid-related overdose or complication. QRTs can be composed of emergency response personnel, medical personnel, law enforcement officers, substance abuse treatment providers, public health providers, and peer support specialists. The goal of a QRT is to increase the number of people who receive opioid use disorder services, including harm reduction and treatment services. Ten QRTs will be funded to establish or expand services in their region.

Vendor(s): Centerstone; Bluegrass.org; Mountain Comprehensive Care Center; Kenton County Detention Center; Cumberland River; Communicare; Pathways; Achieving Recovery Together (ART)

Counties Served: Bell; Boyd; Breckenridge; Clark; Clay; Floyd; Grayson; Hardin; Harlan; Jackson; Jefferson; Jessamine; Kenton; Knox; Laurel; Larue; Marion; Meade; Nelson; Rockcastle; Washington; Whitley

TREATMENT ACCESS AND RETENTION/EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE

Treatment Stipend Program: In collaboration with Operation UNITE, the Treatment Stipend Program provides stipends for treatment and recovery services beyond those covered by other payers and is the payer of last resort. For individuals who are uninsured or underinsured, the stipend program will cover up to 30 days of residential and six months of intensive outpatient programming. For individuals who are insured, the stipend can cover two months of Recovery Housing associated with a residential treatment provider.

Vendor(s): Operation UNITE; Office of Drug Control Policy

Counties Served: Boone; Boyd; Clay; Fayette; Fleming; Floyd; Grayson; Greenup; Hardin; Harlan; Jackson; Jefferson; Jessamine; Kenton; Knox; Lawrence; Marion; Martin; Mercer; Montgomery; Nelson; Pike; Pulaski; Rowan; Scott; Pulaski; Washington; Whitley

Methadone Stipend Program: This program provides stipends to licensed Narcotic Treatment Programs (NTPs) to cover the weekly cost of methadone for individuals at risk of withdrawing from treatment or not initiating treatment. Stipends are the payer of last resort for individuals not covered by a third-party payer. Each NTP is allocated a fixed number of stipends per month, based on average census, reported weekly fee, and grant resources.

Vendor(s): Bluegrass.org

Counties Served: Statewide

Bridge Clinics & Inpatient Consultation: Bridge clinics are operational in four hospital systems, and two additional are being installed. The Bridge clinic model provides rapid access to treatment for individuals who have experienced an overdose or opioid-related complication by providing access to medication for OUD in the emergency department as well as onsite engagement with peer support and/or care coordination. Direct linkage to ongoing care through an outpatient clinic is provided upon discharge. Services are now being expanded beyond the emergency department and delivered as part of an inpatient consultation service as well as through teleconsultation in rural communities.

Vendor(s): UK Hospital; St. Elizabeth; Centerstone; University of Louisville; Norton Healthcare; Appalachian Regional Healthcare – Hazard; Baptist Health – Lexington, Corbin

Counties Served: Jefferson; Kenton; Fayette; Whitley; Knox; Perry

Medication Access Expansion: A notice of funding opportunity has been disseminated to award up to eight Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Treatment Access Expansion through Community Partnerships grants. Despite FDA-approved medications for OUD (MOUD) being the standard of care, individuals in many areas of Kentucky have little to no access to evidence-based treatment. The purpose of the treatment access expansion grants is to increase access to and utilization of the three FDA-approved medications for OUD, reduce unmet treatment needs, and reduce opioid overdose related deaths. Treatment access expansion grants will support eligible agencies to implement or expand an evidence-based service delivery model using FDA-approved medications for OUD.

Vendor(s): TBD

Counties Served: TBD

OUD Treatment in Federally Qualified Health Centers: The Kentucky Primary Care Association (KPCA) is building an infrastructure within their member Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics to deliver sustainable and integrated services for all patients with OUD and related behavioral health issues. KPCA leadership is collaborating with Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation to stand up the pillars of integrated, best practices treatment using a holistic model, including issues related to utilization of medication in treatment.

Vendor(s): Kentucky Primary Care Association FQHCs and Rural Health Clinics; Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation

Counties Served: Christian; Cumberland; Fayette; Floyd; Gallatin; Jackson; Jefferson; Knox; Lee; Letcher; Lewis; Madison; Montgomery; Muhlenberg; Perry; Webster

Community-Pharmacy Care Delivery Model for Vivitrol Administration: Partnerships between treatment providers, the Department of Corrections, and pharmacists are being established to provide Vivitrol injections. Through the development and provision of trainings to community pharmacists that include education on the proper administration and management of Vivitrol, and the implementation of the pharmacy-based care delivery model, the

final goal is to fully implement this practice model in four regions of the state. Implementing pharmacists purchase and maintain Vivitrol inventory and bill Medicaid MCOs or other third-party payers for the medication and its administration, as appropriate. Individuals who are uninsured or whose insurance plan does not adequately cover the costs of Vivitrol could receive Vivitrol purchased by grant funds. As take-home naloxone is indicated for any individual with a history of OUD, pharmacists also dispense and educate on use of naloxone.

Vendor(s): UK Center for the Advancement of Pharmacy Practice

Counties Served: Franklin; Jefferson; Jessamine; and more counties TBD in the future

Kenton County Detention Center: The Kenton County Detention Center (KCDC) jail program is the first jail in Kentucky to provide medication for OUD along with licensed, evidence-based, trauma-informed residential treatment for inmates with opioid use disorder. Full implementation of the pilot Residential Therapeutic Recovery Community utilizes the COR-12 model, and provides medication assisted treatment (MAT) services when indicated and deemed necessary. Following release, KCDC provides 6-month evidence-based, case-managed, reentry and aftercare services through the Life Learning Center to include a holistic, integrated continuum of care. A replication of this pilot is in development at another Kentucky jail.

Vendor(s): Kenton County Detention Center

Counties Served: Kenton

Integrated Care for Pregnant and Parenting Women: To increase capacity to serve pregnant and parenting women and their families, five sites have expanded their capacity to provide integrated obstetric and substance use treatment for pregnant and parenting women with OUD. The program integrates medication provided by an obstetrician, MAT prescriber, nurse care coordination, targeted case management for OUD, a neonatologist, and peer support.

Vendor(s): St. Elizabeth Hospital Baby Steps; Centerstone and Norton Hospital; Chrysalis House; UK PATHways; Appalachian Regional Healthcare (Hazard)

Counties Served: Fayette; Floyd; Jefferson; Kenton; Perry

Plan of Safe Care: At four community mental health centers, a Plan of Safe Care pilot model was developed. The Plan of Safe Care model meets the Child Abuse Prevention Treatment Act (CAPTA) requirements, is multidisciplinary, and supports the mother, father, and substance-exposed infant prior to and after discharge from the hospital. The plan identifies services and supports to be provided to the mother, father, and infant and delineates who is responsible for ensuring that the mother accesses services and supports.

Vendor(s): Bluegrass.org; Centerstone; Mountain Comprehensive Care Center; Adanta

Counties Served: Adair; Anderson; Bourbon; Boyle; Bullitt; Casey; Clark; Clinton; Cumberland; Estill; Fayette; Franklin; Floyd; Garrard; Green; Harrison; Henry; Jefferson; Jessamine; Johnson; Lincoln; Madison; Magoffin; Martin; McCreary; Mercer; Nicholas; Oldham; Pike; Powell; Pulaski; Scott; Shelby; Spencer; Taylor; Trimble; Wayne; Woodford

Healing, Empowering, and Actively Recovering Together (HEART): Delivered through a local health department, the Healing, Empowering, Actively Recovering Together (HEART) program provides medication for OUD, group therapy, parent-child bonding education, and peer support to pregnant and parenting women.

Vendor(s): Department for Public Health; Floyd County Health Department

Counties Served: Floyd

Services Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Team (START) Expansion: START is an evidence-based, intensive child protective service program that integrates OUD treatment services for pregnant and parenting women with child abuse/neglect services and helps parents achieve recovery and competency while keeping the children in the home when possible and safe. Two new START teams are being established in northern Kentucky.

Vendor(s): Department for Community Based Services

Counties Served: Boone; Campbell

Targeted Assessment Program (TAP) Expansion: TAP provides intensive outreach with strengths-based engagement, pretreatment, comprehensive assessment, referral to MAT and other treatment services, and intensive case management to pregnant and parenting women and their families involved in public assistance and child welfare. Nineteen TAP assessors are being hired statewide.

Vendor(s): Department for Community Based Services

Counties Served: Jefferson; Kenton; Madison; Floyd

RECOVERY SUPPORT

Access to Recovery (ATR) Program: This program aims to reduce barriers to maintaining recovery through basic needs, transportation, and recovery housing support. The ATR Program links individuals to treatment and recovery support and provides vouchers for services that increase recovery capital and for which there is no payer source. Recovery support services can include basic needs, transportation, childcare, employment support, and recovery housing support.

Vendor(s): FAHE

Counties Served: Jefferson; Kenton; Letcher; surrounding counties

Strategic Initiative for Transformational Employment (SITE): Training and support to individuals in recovery seeking (re)employment and employers seeking to transform their workplace to engage in prevention, treatment, and recovery support. A Job Entry and Retention Support Specialist (JERSS) is being placed in each of the 12 comprehensive Kentucky Career Centers (KCC) to collaborate with KCC case management and business service teams, educate and train employers, and help in the development of six Employer Resource Networks (ERNs). Each ERN will be comprised of employers that support the implementation of recovery-friendly policies for hiring and retaining employees recovering from OUD. At the workplace, a SITE Success Coach will work to ensure the job placement is successful for both the employee and the employer. A success coach will be placed with employers within each ERN.

Vendor(s): Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program (EKCEP); Kentucky Career Centers (KCCs)

Counties Served: Statewide; (KCCs) Warren; Kenton; Hardin; Perry; Christian; Fayette; Jefferson; Rowan; Daviess; McCracken; Floyd; and Pulaski

Employer Toolkit: The Kentuckiana Health Collaborative has developed “Opioids in the Workplace: An Employer Toolkit for Supporting Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery”. This toolkit was developed to help employers better support employees through increased knowledge of OUD, treatment options, and the impact of insurance and workplace policies on recovering employees. This interactive, online toolkit is available through the following website: <https://www.khcollaborative.org/opioid-employer-toolkit/>

Vendor(s): Kentuckiana Health Collaborative

Counties Served: Statewide

Reentry Employment Program: In partnership with the Department of Corrections, ten Re-entry Employment Program Administrators (REPAs) are placed at probation and parole offices throughout the state to provide employment supports to individuals in recovery that are re-entering their communities from correctional settings.

Vendor(s): Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program (EKCEP); Kentucky Career Centers (KCCs)

Counties Served: Statewide

Recovery Community Centers: Six recovery community centers are being established in high-risk regions throughout the state to provide centralized resources for community-based recovery supports including peer support, housing, employment, transportation, and education.

Vendor(s): Voices of Hope; Centerstone; NorthKey; Four Rivers; Kentucky River; Volunteers of America; Communicare; Pathways

Counties Served: Boone; Campbell; Carroll; Clay; Fayette; Gallatin; Grant; Jefferson; Kenton; McCracken; Owen; Pendleton; Perry

Transition Age Youth Launching Realized Dreams (TAYLRD) Drop-In Center expansion: TAYLRD provides a network of community-based drop-in centers for transition-aged youth (16-25) who have, or are at-risk of developing, behavioral health challenges. The scope of TAYLRD is being expanded at five sites to screen, assess, and link to treatment and recovery support for transition-age youth with, or at-risk of, an OUD.

Vendor(s): Centerstone; Communicare; Four River; Kentucky River; Pathways

Counties Served: Jefferson; Breckinridge; Grayson; Hardin; LaRue; Marion; Meade; Nelson; Washington

Community Re-Entry Coordination: Seven in-reach coordinators, employed by community mental health centers, will provide reintegration services including in-reach into the prisons, collaboration with Department of Corrections re-entry staff, assessment referral and warm hand-offs, service planning, targeted case management, connection to peer services, supported housing and supported employment, and coordination with a Managed Care Organization re-entry coordinator who will insure that insurance is activated and pre-authorizations are managed.

Vendor(s): Bluegrass.org; Centerstone; Pathways; Pennyroyal

Counties Served: Fayette; Madison; Anderson; Franklin; Scott; Lincoln; Powell; Harrison; Jessamine; Estill; Boyle; Clark; Bourbon; Jefferson; Rowan; Fleming; Montgomery; Caldwell; Christian; Crittenden; Hopkins; Lyon; Muhlenberg; Todd; Trigg

Mutual Aid Group Support: In partnership with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Lexington and the Kentucky Partnership for Families and Children, mutual aid groups for individuals with OUD and their families are being implemented. SMART (Self-Management and Recovery Training) Family and Friends is an evidence-based mutual aid group, which addresses the needs of families and friends who have a loved one affected by SUD. Double Trouble in Recovery is an evidence-based mutual aid group and supports individuals diagnosed with co-occurring mental health and substance use diagnoses.

Vendor(s): NAMI-Lexington; Kentucky Partnership for Families and Children, Inc.

Counties Served: Pike; Martin; Magoffin; Johnson; Knott; Fayette; Jefferson; Campbell; Montgomery; Ashland; Morehead; Laurel; Pulaski; Mason

Young People in Recovery (YPR): YPR supports young people in or seeking recovery by empowering them to obtain stable employment, secure suitable housing, and explore continuing education. Chapters also advocate on the local and state levels for better accessibility of these services and other effective recovery resources. Ten new YPR chapters have been established.

Vendor(s): Young People in Recovery

Counties Served: Knott; Daviess; Pulaski; Rowan; Floyd; Carter

Oxford House Expansion: In order to support the continued expansion of recovery residencies, four Oxford House outreach coordinators are supported to continue to provide direct services and technical assistance to the existing Oxford Houses and work in the community to establish new houses in high-risk regions of the state.

Vendor(s): Oxford House

Counties Served: Statewide

Recovery Housing Expansion: To further increase access to recovery housing, which supports residents' access to and utilization of medications for OUD, a notice of funding opportunity has been disseminated statewide for which eligible recovery housing providers can apply. Up to ten providers will be funded to increase by 150 the number of recovery residency beds available for individuals utilizing MAT.

Vendor(s): TBD

Counties Served: TBD

Telephonic Peer Support and Recovery Coaching: In order to increase engagement of and access to harm reduction, treatment and recovery supports, Voices of Hope provides telephonic recovery support to assist individuals in early recovery in identifying personal goals and strength-based practical strategies for success. Recovery coaching to individuals in early recovery needing in-person support is also provided. Recovery meetings are hosted on-site,

including SMART and SMART Friends and Family meetings.

Vendor(s): Voices of Hope

Counties Served: Fayette with teleconsultation available statewide

Youth Peer Support Services: The University of Kentucky AHARTT (Adolescent Health and Recovery Treatment & Training) Program offers training for Youth Peer Support Specialists, and has established a network of mentors specifically for these specialists. This program provides peer support to children and transition-age youth (12-25), in-house and offsite.

Vendor(s): UK Adolescent Health and Recovery Treatment & Training (AHARTT)

Counties Served: Fayette and surrounding counties

Peer Support for Domestic Violence Survivors: The Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence (KCADV) is contracting with community mental health centers and not-for-profit SUD providers to make available ten certified peer support specialists (PSS) to assist shelter staff in identifying and engaging these individuals with SUD and mental health (MH) needs in treatment. In addition to co-locating PSS staff in the shelters, the contract will provide the opportunity to improve and enhance the ability of shelter staff to provide appropriate services and referrals to these individuals and families.

Vendor(s): Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Counties Served: Statewide

INFRASTRUCTURE

KASPER Enhancements: Enhancements have increased prescriber and pharmacist access to pertinent information to inform clinical decision making. The functionality has been built into Kentucky's prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) to enable prescribers to access patient records pertaining to past toxicology screens and nonfatal overdose. The Office of Inspector General will continue to enhance the data management platform utilized by Kentucky's PDMP to increase system capacity to integrate scheduled prescription data from neighboring states thereby identifying and preventing opioid misuse.

Vendor(s): Kentucky Office of the Inspector General

Counties Served: Statewide

Recovery Champions OUD Training Curriculum: Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation developed a training curriculum tailored to the state of Kentucky, which includes core competencies necessary for working with individuals with OUD and their families. Nine modules were developed and include the following subjects: 1) SUD; 2) Opioids; 3) Treatment; 4) MAT; 5) Return to Use; 6) Harm Reduction; 7) Stigma; 8) Trauma; and 9) Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care. A trainer guide, group activities, and take-home materials were also developed. This curriculum will be used to support professional development across various disciplines.

Vendor(s): Hazelden Betty Ford

Counties Served: Statewide

Responsive Education to Support Treatment in Opioid Recovery Efforts (RESTORE): The court system is a key partner in Kentucky's efforts to combat the opioid crisis. It is therefore essential that judges and court staff have the knowledge and tools to make informed, evidence-based decisions that help guide court-involved individuals toward quality treatment and lifelong recovery. The RESTORE Initiative will provide two rounds of summits in each Supreme Court and Court of Appeals District. The content for the summits is based on the Recovery Champions training developed by Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation. The first round of summits was completed on July 11, 2019, and the second round of summits will begin in September 2019.

Vendor(s): Administrative Office of the Courts

Counties Served: Statewide

ODU Training for the Department of Community Based Services Staff: In order to better serve the children and families impacted by OUD that are involved with these systems, DCBS has conducted stakeholder focus groups, engaged subject matter experts, and reviewed and made recommendations for revision of existing and new employee training. The Recovery Champions training developed by Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation is now being adapted to be delivered at regional trainings starting in August 2019. Trainings will also be delivered to new employees and supervisors through the existing infrastructure of the child welfare training program. This training will better equip DCBS staff to guide individuals and families within the child welfare system to the appropriate OUD treatment and recovery supports.

Vendor(s): Department of Community Based Services

Counties Served: Statewide

Peer Support Specialist Training: Kentucky developed a training curriculum to enhance the knowledge and skills of state-approved peer support specialists who provide recovery support services to persons with OUD specifically, and SUD more broadly. Content includes education on OUD, medications for OUD, the role of peers, trauma-informed care, cultural competency, person-centered planning, and ethics. Additional curricula will be developed around serving pregnant and parenting women/families.

Vendor(s): Kentucky Department for Behavioral Health, Development and Intellectual Disabilities

Counties Served: Statewide

Teleconsultation Training: Northeast Kentucky Regional Health Information Organization developed a pilot teleconsultation project to meet the needs of rural healthcare providers, improve rural providers' ability to treat Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and/or chronic pain patients in-house, and determine the effectiveness of the pilot project to improve rural providers' ability to treat OUD. Teleconsultation is a collaborative model of medical education and care management that increases access to specialty treatment in rural and underserved areas. Teleconsultation provides frontline clinicians, such as primary care providers, with the knowledge and support they need to manage patients with complex conditions, eliminating the need for referral.

Vendor(s): Northeast Kentucky Regional Health Information Organization

Counties Served: Statewide

American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Multidimensional Assessment Training: In partnership with Train for Change, training on ASAM's Multidimensional Assessment is being delivered statewide. Eight, one-day ASAM Criteria Overview trainings and four two-day ASAM Criteria Skill Building trainings have been delivered.

Vendor(s): Train for Change; ASAM

Counties Served: Statewide

Comprehensive Opioid Response with the Twelve Steps Training: Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation provides training and consultation on the COR-12 model to organizations serving individuals with OUD. COR-12 is an evidence-based approach that integrates medications for OUD with a twelve step-based recovery model. Training includes Assessing the Implementation of Evidence-Based Practices, COR-12 Leadership Training, COR-12 Practitioner Training, and Evaluating the Fidelity of Evidence-Based Practices.

Vendor(s): Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation

Counties Served: Statewide

Medical Student Training: The University of Kentucky (UK) and University of Louisville (UL) medical schools are expanding training on delivery of evidence-based care for persons with OUD. In addition, UK is developing an Objective Structured Clinical Exam for patients presenting with evidence of OUD as well as an inter-professional education rotation on UK's new Inpatient Addiction Medicine Consultation Service.

Vendor(s): University of Kentucky; University of Louisville

Counties Served: Statewide

Training in Evidence-Based Practice: Scholarships were established to support attendance at the Kentucky School for Alcohol and Other Drug Studies and Kentucky System of Care Academy. Kentucky School for Alcohol and Other Drug Studies provides training in evidence-based practice in the areas of prevention, treatment, and recovery. System of Care Academy trains primary care providers, clinicians, prevention specialists, educators, child care providers, Family Resource & Youth Service Center staff, juvenile justice staff, and public health staff on system of care values: youth- and family-driven, community-based, culturally- and linguistically-appropriate, trauma-informed, and recovery-oriented care. In addition, OUD-specific training in evidence-based prevention, treatment, and recovery support is provided to service providers working with pregnant and parenting women who have experienced domestic violence.

Vendor(s): Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities

Counties Served: Statewide

Casey's Law Training: In partnership with the Office for Drug Control Policy, two community organizations deliver trainings statewide about Casey's Law and provide attendees prevention and treatment resources.

Vendor(s): Office of Drug Control Policy; SPARK Ministries; Northern Kentucky Hates Heroin

Counties Served: Statewide

Buprenorphine Waiver Trainings: To increase the number of waived providers that can prescribe and dispense buprenorphine to treat opioid use disorder, the waiver training developed by the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) is being provided free to prescribers through a series of in-person and online courses.

Vendor(s): ASAM

Counties Served: Statewide

Statewide OUD and Recovery Housing Needs Assessment: This needs assessment was conducted to identify gaps in care as well as community strengths.

Vendor(s): Kentucky Injury Prevention Research Center

Counties Served: Statewide

Recovery Housing Network: To enhance the quality of Kentucky recovery residencies, a recovery housing network will be established to oversee recovery residency certification (i.e., providing a safe housing environment conducive to recovery). The recovery housing network will also provide technical assistance around recovery residencies and their standardization.

Vendor(s): Kentucky Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities

Counties Served: Statewide

Program Evaluation and Fidelity: REACH of Louisville provides technical, scientific, scoring, dissemination, administration, and administrative support assistance. Evaluation includes a Kentucky Incentives for Prevention (KIP) retrospective study of high schools who have completed the KIP survey and implemented the Sources of Strength program to compare outcomes and an outcome evaluation of the program. Other projects include: Process and outcome evaluation for Too Good for Drugs; administration of a staff attitudes survey; and an analysis of technical assistance provision to community coalitions by prevention providers connected to the regional prevention centers.

Vendor(s): REACH of Louisville

Counties Served: Statewide