KANAWHA COUNTY RESPONSE STRATEGIES



Early Intervention and Prevention Strategies

Expand Primary Prevention Efforts

- Launch county-coalition led "spider web" model, starting with community-based prevention partnerships
- Expand funding to the community
- o Community identification and focus on specific needs
- Heightened engagement among community members/groups

Develop a greater focus on Early Intervention (Indicated Population)

- Identify successful school programs
- o Identify gaps in mentorships for youth
- Identify best practices and share with community groups
- Tie to future career aspirations
- o Include other issue such as suicide prevention, etc.
- Explore best practice example in Clay County led by WV National Guard

Develop a County-wide QRT

- o Explore multiple paid positions for county-wide coverage, including rural areas
- Explore funding
- Define the model

Expand Outreach to the Homeless Community

- o Identify innovative ways to "draw in" the homeless population (food etc.)
- o Follow-up with the Kanawha Valley Collective (KVC) to determine their identified needs and how can we help
- Explore use of mobile units to the places where the homeless population gathers (models: Dream Center, faith-based initiative LA area

Treatment Strategies

Expand Access to a Full Continuum

- Define the continuum
- o Prioritize listing of <u>all</u> recovery resources in Kanawha County (asset map)
- Explore use of PAAC (Partnership of African American Churches) house and Recovery U facility in St. Albans

o Update HELP4WV

Develop an Inclusive Continuum

- Develop a County-referral information system that is up-to-date
- Create an above and beyond walk-in center with daily activities i.e. gym/open to the public
- Explore PROACT model in Cabell County
- o Document workplaces, which have an EAP (Employee Assistance Programs)
- Create a Great Rivers Regional System for Addiction Care recognized standard for treatment (like Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval)
- Establish criteria for programming for treatment centers to help identify the best practices-endorsed services

Recovery Support Strategies

Expand Faith-Based Community Outreach

 Offer training and information about Substance Use Disorder (SUD) to all pastors or faith leaders

Address Transportation Barriers

- Explore using church vans and buses used during the week: "Faith-based Uber"
- o Develop a mobile application for transportation
- o Join PROACT
- o Ensure a greater focus on behavioral health needs

Expand Housing and Job Opportunities

- o Identify resources to address fines and barriers
- Explore the use of signing bonuses to be used for paying fines and getting needed documents
- Develop a list of businesses that hire and ensure treatment
- Include church programs on AA and NA sites and work with them to be certified through Great Rivers Regional System for Addiction Care
- Utilize success stories told by respected people in recovery to reduce stigma
- Sustain programs working well: AA and NA, and Recovery Point