State Opioid Response II Grant Strategies

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Opioid Action Plan

- Primary prevention
- Stigma reduction/public education
- Naloxone, naloxone, naloxone
- Practitioner education
- Identification and navigation to evidence-based treatment
  - Peer Support
  - MAT

AHCCCS SU Spending SFY20

$529 million spend on SU services
- 88% Medicaid funding
- 6% SABG
- 4% Other Federal Grants

Opioid Grant Funding

State Opioid Response II

- Funding Period: 9/30/20 – 9/29/22 (2 years)
- Amount: $31,606,462 per year
- Area served: All Regions
- Population of Focus: individuals with active opioid use; individuals with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD); individuals at risk for opioid overdose; individuals with psychiatric co-morbidity; individuals in recovery; and youth, parents, community members and health-consumer awareness of the potential risks of opioid/stimulant misuse and abuse

SOR II Subrecipients

University of Arizona
Cochise College
Arizona State University
Community Services Program
Community Bridges
First Things First
Arizona Department of Healthcare Services
PAXIS Institute
Central Arizona

Treatment Activities

- Increase navigation and access to medication-assisted treatment in metropolitan and rural areas in Arizona
- Sustain Opioid Treatment on Demand - 24/7 access point to ensure immediate connection to treatment
- Increase street-based outreach to identify high-risk individuals, get them into treatment, and provide them with resource options in a timely manner

24/7 Access Points

CODAC Health, Recovery and Wellness
Community Bridges, East Valley Advocates Recovery Center
Community Services Program
First Things First
Northern Arizona
Intensive Treatment Programs, New River
University of Arizona

Central Locator
- Real time locator for Opioid Use Disorder services
- RFP awarded to Carahsoft - Solution provided by Syntasa and Google
- Goal: Go live early 2021

Recovery Support
- Expand peer support network and employment assistance
- Increase recovery and supportive housing options
  - Recovery housing, transitional housing units, bridge shelter, rental assistance
- Enhanced support for opioid-exposed newborns and pregnant women who have opioid and stimulant use disorder

Prevention Program Activities
- Sustaining and Enhancing Naloxone Distribution
- Expanding Trauma-Informed Care Prevention Efforts
- Addressing Critical/Prevention Deserts
- PAX Good Behavior Game

Example of Primary Prevention
- Paxis Institute
  - Pax Good Behavior Game (GBG)
  - Pax Tools

Fentanyl and Counterfeit Pills
- Based on 27 community forums across the state
- Top 5 Themes (order of importance)
  - Lack of information and awareness
  - Need to educate community and families
  - Access to fentanyl and counterfeit pills
  - Trauma, stressors, social determinants
  - Need for support services for youth and young adults

Community Education
- Community Engagement Strategy for Opioid Use Disorder and Addiction
- Linkages and Partnerships for Positive Health Outcomes
- Educational Events and Workshops
- Resources and Referral Services
Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership
Thursday, February 4, 2021

Arizona Youth Survey
Arizona Criminal Justice Commission

What is the Arizona Youth Survey?
● Survey of 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students
● Mandated by A.R.S. § 41-2416
● Problematic behaviors and their correlates
● Based on nationally recognized surveys

Survey Administration
● All schools are eligible
● Administered by teachers or other administrators
● The survey is:
  ○ Anonymous
  ○ Voluntary
  ○ Free
  ○ Available in online or paper formats
  ○ Administered on a day selected by the school
  ○ Exempt from Arizona parental consent laws
● Participating schools and districts receive an individualized report

Survey Year Participation History

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Survey Administration
● New Questions for 2020: Vaping
  - Vaping nicotine
    - Ever
    - How many occasions (30 day/lifetime)
  - Vaping other illegal drugs (lifetime only)
    - Flavoring that does not contain nicotine or other drugs
    - Marijuana, hash oil, or substances with THC
    - CBD oil
  - Vaping other illegal drugs (lifetime only)
    - Synthetic marijuana
    - Hallucinogens
    - Others
  - Source of nicotine products used with vaping devices
    - Smoke shop
    - Store other than a smoke shop
    - Family members/relatives
    - Friends
    - Gave someone money to buy it
    - Internet

Survey Administration
● New Questions for 2020: Gambling
  - In the past 12 months, how many times have you done the following:
    - Played the lottery or scratch tickets
    - Bet on a game of personal skill
    - Bet on a card game
    - Bet on a dice game
    - Paid to play bingo
    - Bet on sports
    - Spent money to access or buy features on online games/apps (e.g., virtual items, character upgrades, loot boxes, extended play)

Survey Administration
● New Questions for 2020: ACEs
  - Are your biological parents separated, divorced, or not living together?
  - Since you were born until now, how many times have you ever lived with:
    - Anyone who was a problem drinker/alcohol?
    - Anyone who used illegal street drugs or abused prescription medications?
    - Anyone who served time or was sentenced to serve time in a correctional facility?
    - Parents or adults who slapped, hit, kicked, punched, or beat each other up?
    - Parents or adults who swore at you, insulted you, or put you down?
### 2020 AYS Highlights

#### Most common substances (Lifetime):
- Alcohol (39.6%)
- E-cigarettes (29.1%)
- Marijuana (28.0%)

#### Most common sources:
- Marijuana - Friends (57.0%), Dealer (30.2%)
- Alcohol - Party (42.1%), Relative over 21 (23.5%)
- Rx Drugs – Friends (25.6%), home (24.1%)

#### Dangerous Driving:
- Driving while talking/texting – 24.2%
- Alcohol (drive) – 1.7%
- Alcohol (ride) – 10.2%
- Marijuana (drive) – 3.9%
- Marijuana (ride) - 13.0%

#### Gang involvement:
- 1.3% currently; 2.9% ever

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