

FY17 Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-based Program Awards

Category 2: Technology-assisted Treatment Projects



Goals and Objectives of the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program

The goals of BJA's Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-based Program are twofold. First, the program aims to reduce opioid misuse and the number of overdose fatalities. Second, the program supports the implementation, enhancement, and proactive use of prescription drug monitoring programs to support clinical decision-making and prevent the misuse and diversion of controlled substances.

The objectives of the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-based Program are to:

- Encourage and support comprehensive cross-system planning and collaboration among officials who work in law enforcement, pretrial services, the courts, probation and parole, child welfare, reentry, PDMPs, emergency medical services and health care providers, public health partners, and agencies that provide substance misuse treatment and recovery support services.
- Develop and implement strategies to identify and provide treatment and recovery support services to "high frequency" utilizers of multiple systems (e.g., health care, child welfare, criminal justice, etc.) who have a history of opioid misuse.
- Expand diversion and alternatives to incarceration programs.
- Expand the availability of treatment and recovery support services in rural or tribal communities by expanding the use to technology-assisted treatment and recovery support services.
- Implement and enhance prescription drug monitoring programs.
- Develop multi-disciplinary projects that leverage key public health and public safety data sets (e.g., de-identified PDMP data, naloxone administrations, fatal and non-fatal overdose data, drug arrests, etc.) to create a holistic view of the environment and develop interventions based on this information.
- Objectively assess and/or evaluate the impact of innovative and evidence-based strategies to engage and serve justice-involved individuals with a history of opioid misuse.

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Technology-assisted Treatment Projects are designed to pilot how technology can be used to expand treatment and recovery support opportunities to justice-involved individuals with opioid use disorders who have limited access to services due to geographic isolation. Awards are for a project period of 36 months.

Awards have been made to the following communities:

2017-H1275-IN-PM Indiana Criminal Justice Institute \$560,010

The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) and the Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA) will implement a program that will provide tablets to individuals in three pilot sites with the end goal of allowing for remote monitoring of medications and sobriety by Fayette County Community Corrections. The project will operate in three pilot sites: the Fayette County Sheriff Department, Fayette County Community Corrections, and the House of Ruth. The pilot sites will be provided with tablets and the associated software. Upon release, eligible participants will be provided wireless communication devices to allow remote monitoring of medications and sobriety. ICJI and DMHA will collaborate with Indiana University and two local service providers.

2017-H1176-WV-PM West Virginia Division of Justice and Community Services \$750,000

The West Virginia Division of Justice and Community Services (DJCS) will address the opioid crisis in West Virginia by increasing the number of technology-assisted treatment services for individuals involved with the justice system due to an opioid use disorder in rural areas. The program plans to provide mental health services, addiction recovery services, and alternative sanctions or diversions. These services will be implemented through existent community corrections programs and future partnerships to provide risk and need assessments, group counseling, and individual counseling. The project will purchase and install the necessary hardware and software in 12 community corrections programs. The Office of Research and Strategic Planning is a unit within the DJCS that will provide for the research needs of the project.