



Florida
Miami-Dade County
Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program Response Project

10/01/19 Grant Start → 09/30/22 Grant End

Overview

Miami-Dade County's population of 2.7 million is culturally and ethnically diverse, representing the most populated county in Florida and the eighth largest in the country. Miami, the county's poorest city, has an estimated poverty rate of 29 percent. In a 2017 report of 2016 data (Miami-Dade Opioid Addiction Task Force), 229 opioid deaths occurred, as compared to 94 deaths in 2005. From 2005 to 2016, more than 1,200 deaths resulted from opioid misuse. From 2014 to 2016, 376 overdose cases were linked to fentanyl, resulting in a 67 percent death rate. In 2016, adults aged 25 to 54 were nearly three times as likely to die from an opioid overdose than adults in other age ranges. However, in 2017, a shift in age range reflected a change to the 35-to-64 cohort. As the number of individuals addicted to opioids continues to increase, the need for more treatment increases, which impacts health care providers and the community.

Grant Focus

- Expand law enforcement diversion and first-responder models that connect individuals to

- substance abuse treatment and recovery support services.
- Expand jail-based treatment and effective reentry programs.
- Expand peer support services and recovery housing.
- Increase access to naloxone.
- Prioritize real-time data collection, analysis, and dissemination.
- Develop and disseminate research on opioid policies and interventions.
- Expand models of public health, behavioral health, and public safety information sharing and collaboration at state and local levels.
- Build capacity in underserved regions impacted by the opioid epidemic.
- Strengthen the nation's prescription drug monitoring programs.
- Expand public awareness about opioid abuse.

- Integrate standardized screening practices into the criminal justice system.
- Educate public safety and criminal justice stakeholders about substance abuse.

- Track barriers to services so appropriate adjustments can be made through strategic planning with key stakeholders.
- Provide in-depth process evaluation and needs assessment facilitation.

Program Approach

This project will serve a total of 154 male and female inmates. Program participants will be identified through screenings and assessments.

Objectives include:

- The provision of recovery program services and treatment through medication-assisted treatment (MAT) and residential treatment for up to 90 days.
- The provision of emergency shelter.
- Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) planning and mapping.
- A research partner-led project evaluation and a final report.

Priority consideration will be addressed through:

- Enhanced and expanded MAT in the jail.
- Reentry-based services to inmates by the department.
- Residential treatment and beds for up to 34 participants for 90 days.
- Outpatient treatment for all participants.
- Emergency shelter as needed.

Trainings will include the following:

- Training for first responders, police, court staff, health/medical professionals, jail staff, and treatment service providers
- A training/workshop on SIM

The Behavioral Science Research Institute (BSRI) will:

- Use the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention evaluation framework to identify community needs.

BSRI will provide ongoing evaluation as follows:

- Coordinate data collection and planning to inform development of the manual.
- Obtain and analyze data.
- Establish, review, and update performance measures.
- Track measures that assist with the improvement of program implementation and fidelity.
- Provide subject-matter expertise and guidance.
- Establish protocol performance and outcome evaluation.
- Attend and provide updates at monthly/quarterly project meetings.

Project Partners

- Jackson Health System, Corrections Health Services Division
- Miami-Dade County Community and Human Services Department, Rehabilitative Services Division
- South Florida Behavioral Health Network, Inc.
- Behavioral Science Research Institute
- City of Miami's Homeless Assistance Program

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