



BJA's
Comprehensive
Opioid, Stimulant,
and Substance Abuse
Program



Tennessee
Sevier County Government
Sevier County Offender Recovery Program

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

Overview

Sevier County in east Tennessee encompasses 592.5 square miles. As of July 2018, its population was 97,892. Tennessee ranks third in the nation for opioid prescriptions written per person, with 94.4 prescriptions written per 100 persons. Sevier County's prescription rate is higher than the state average (99.5 prescriptions per 100 persons) and significantly higher than the national average (58.7 prescriptions per 100 persons). In 2017, the rate of overdose deaths in Sevier County was 29 per 100,000 persons, higher than the state average of 19.3 per 100,000 persons. In 2019, Sevier County reported 188 overdoses and 27 overdose deaths, with Narcan administered by local law enforcement 132 times. Toxicology reports of recent overdoses indicate polysubstance use, which often included opioids, methamphetamine, and alprazolam intoxication. The impact on the community has been significant: loss of productivity and unemployability; impairment of physical

and mental health; reduced quality of life; and an increase in drug-related crimes, violence, and child neglect.

Grant Focus

- Expand law enforcement diversion and first-responder models that connect individuals to substance abuse treatment and recovery support services.
- Employ the use of alternatives to incarceration programs for nonviolent drug offenders.
- 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.

- 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.

Program Approach

The Sevier County Offender Recovery Program (SCORP) will expand resources within its current workforce program and will provide offenders suffering from opioid disorder or stimulant abuse with evidence-based treatment and recovery services. Individuals charged with nonviolent misdemeanor crimes will be assessed for program inclusion and enrolled if indicated. SCORP will connect participants with medication-assisted treatment and/or intensive outpatient program services, including employment and peer mentoring.

Project Partners

- General Sessions Court
- Sevier County Probation Department
- Helen Ross McNabb Center
- Sevier County Public Defender's Office
- Sevier County Economic Development Council
- Sevier County Office of Alcohol and Drug Programs
- Sevier County CARES

Contact Information

Project Director: Nicole Ogle

Email: nogle@seviercountyttn.gov

Phone: (865) 774-3746

Visit the COSSAP Resource Center at www.cossapresources.org.

About BJA

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) provides leadership and services in grant administration and criminal justice policy development to support local, state, and tribal law enforcement in achieving safer communities. To learn more about BJA, visit www.bja.gov and follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/DOJBJA) and Twitter (@DOJBJA). BJA is part of the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs.