



Virginia

Page County Sheriff's Office

Page County Cognitive Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment Program

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

Overview

The project will serve Page County in Virginia and the towns of Rileyville, Luray, Stanley, and Shenandoah. Residents of this rural community between Northern Virginia and James Madison University number 24,042. Even though Page County is in the middle of these growing areas, it is experiencing a loss in jobs, an increase in unemployment, an increase in crime, and an increase in substance abuse, with little to no services being provided. A 2018 needs assessment identified the following challenges: substance abuse deaths ranked ninth in the state; alcohol deaths ranked fifth; and deaths related to mental health problems ranked sixteenth. Forty-nine percent of substance abuse cases involved methamphetamine, ranking 8.9 percent over state rates, and 37 percent were opioid-related. The recidivism rate since October 1, 2017, has been high (59 percent). Many inmates are incarcerated because of drugs or violations related to substance abuse.

Grant Focus

- Expand law enforcement diversion and first-responder models that connect individuals to substance abuse treatment and recovery support services.
- Build capacity in underserved regions impacted by the opioid epidemic.

Program Approach

The program will provide cognitive-behavioral treatment for individuals in the justice system. It includes the following activities:

- Developing a five-day-per-week day reporting center
- Providing on-site individual/group sessions with licensed treatment providers
- Increasing access to cognitive behavioral treatment for individuals in the criminal justice system who

have substance abuse and/or substance abuse accompanied by mental health issues

- Scheduling individual and/or group cognitive mental and substance abuse behavioral sessions with licensed treatment providers, either through the day reporting center or when a provider is available for a site visit
- Hiring a program coordinator who will serve as liaison between individuals and needed services
- Creating a program manual that includes policies and procedures, forms, and other relevant project materials
- Collecting and evaluating data, as well as creating monthly program status reports that highlight successes, challenges, and recommended program revisions

Project Partners

- Strength in Peers
- Northwestern Community Services
- Valley Health
- Page County Jail
- Luray, Stanley, and Shenandoah Police Departments
- Valley Health

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