

Gap Analysis FY24
Coles County ROSC Council (CCRC)

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County: Coles County

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Purpose of the Gap Analysis:

- This document identifies and evaluates the current gaps from the Community Resource Assessment between their actual performance and identify potential/desired action steps/plans and strategies to fill these gaps.

Summary of Identified Gaps Across the Continuum (FY24):

- 1. Health Promotion:** General lack of education and community understanding regarding Substance Use Disorders, resulting in increased stigma
- 2. Prevention:** 21% of middle school students are not receiving substance use education
- 3. Intervention/Harm Reduction:** Lack of information regarding access to harm reduction programs and services including needle exchange programs
- 4. Treatment:** Lack of access to transportation, insurance, waitlists
- 5. Recovery Supports:** Minimal sober fun activities, lack of youth and family recovery support groups, lack of childcare.

Point on Continuum	Identified Gap: Coles County	Ideas for Community Action Steps	Ideas for Partnerships with Outside Groups/Organizations	Ideas for Changes at the State Level- How can state funders help bridge this gap?
Health Promotion	Lack of education/community understanding regarding substance use, resulting in increased stigma	Provide more training and presentations to the community to reduce stigma and promote healthy recovery	Share the ROSC concept with organizational meeting and/or trainings.	Collaborate with local entities to pull together resources and distribute resource bags.
Prevention	Insufficient trainings for youth serving organizations and parents for substance use education.	Hold trainings for those working in Youth Serving Organizations.	Promote ACE training to reduce trauma and build resilience.	Collaboration for CEUs that will increase attendance.
Intervention/Harm Reduction	Lack of intervention in the jail settings.	Provide open discussions with the jail in Coles County to address additional needs.	Provide open discussions with local partners to identify all resources being offered.	Opportunities for funding and trainings to support curriculum, supports, and resources.
Intervention/Harm Reduction	Need for harm reduction programs and services	Increase awareness by continuing to offering community training sessions.	Share local success stories in regards to harm reduction.	Distribute harm reduction materials like Doterra bags, Fentanyl strips, clean needles, and harm reduction kits.

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Treatment	Lack of reliable transportation	Support efforts of the Rural Transportation study for Coles County	Coordinate efforts to assist in transportation programs that operates during the evening and weekends providing affordable rides.	Identify rural transportation funding and advocate to state legislation.
Treatment	Lack of affordable insurance	Collaborate with local agencies to assist individuals in insurance registration.	Collaborate with organizations to conduct open registration events.	Advocate for those who are uninsured or underinsured so it is available to needing more insurance.
Treatment	Waitlists/staffing shortages	Assist providers in expanding services.	Connect with outside of the county agencies to assist in coordinating efforts.	Advocate for additional funding for higher education opportunities and offer incentives for tuition reimbursement. .

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Recovery	Lack of recovery housing	Work with landlords and potential landlords to advocate for available rental housing to be affordable to those in recovery	Provide legal services to those in recovery that have criminal records to have records expunged.	Incentivize landlords who house those in recovery.
Recovery	Lack of second chance employment	Work with second chance employers for those in recovery to obtain higher paying jobs to support housing, transportation and nutritional needs.	Reduce stigma and educate staff and leadership about needs of those newly to recovery.	Incentivize hiring those in recovery to jobs and careers with livable wages.
Recovery	Insufficient diversity of recovery support groups	Facilitate open discussions with persons and families in recovery to address the additional recovery support group gaps.	Promote discussions between meeting chapters and group facilitators.	Provide mentorship and funding source information to support expansion efforts.

Recovery	Lack of sober activities for individuals to participate	Have a Hobby Fair to highlight hobbies that are happening in Coles County.	Collaborate with community members and higher education.	Duplicate hobbies in other areas and bring them to Coles County to continue to be available to community members.
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