

**Gap Analysis FY24**  
**Douglas County ROSC Council (DCRC)**

**Region:** ROSC Region 4  
**Lead Agency:** Hour House  
**County:** Douglas 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:** 60% of middle school students are not receiving substance use education
3. **Intervention/Harm Reduction:** Lack of drug court, lack of a safe passage.
4. **Treatment:** Lack of SUD inpatient services in the county, lack of access to transportation, insurance waitlists
5. **Recovery Supports:** Lack of recovery housing and insufficient diversity of recovery support groups

<b>Point on Continuum</b>	<b>Identified Gap: Douglas County</b>	<b>Ideas for Community Action Steps</b>	<b>Ideas for Partnerships with Outside Groups/Organizations</b>	<b>Ideas for Changes at the State Level- How can state funders help bridge this gap?</b>
<b>Health Promotion</b>	Lack of education/ community understanding regarding substance use, resulting in increased stigma	Increase awareness by offering community training sessions	Collaborate with organizations to facilitate trainings that are open to the community.	Collaborations for additional support for training opportunities to rural communities similar to those offered in urban areas.
<b>Prevention</b>	Insufficient trainings for medical personnel on early identification and screening of substance use	Provide open discussions with organizations within Douglas County to address additional training gaps	Provide open discussions with organizations that offer trainings that will compliment training needs in Douglas County	Collaborations for training certifications or CEUs that will increase attendance for trainings
<b>Intervention/ Harm Reduction</b>	lack of a local drug court and safe passage program	Resume Community Resource Subcommittee that focuses on resources needed for drug court.	Work with partnering agencies to share social media posts and educational materials	Opportunities for funding and training to support drug court and other programs such as safe passage.
<b>Intervention/ Harm Reduction</b>	Need for increased health promotion around harm reduction programs and services	Increase awareness by offering community training sessions	Facilitate discussions of positive data and success stories in regards to harm reduction	Additional funding opportunities for rural harm reduction efforts

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<b>Treatment</b>	Lack of reliable transportation	Assist with and support efforts of rural transportation study for Douglas County.	Coordinate efforts to provide transportation for treatment services	Additional funding options for public transportation to treatment, drug court, probation, etc.
<b>Treatment</b>	Lack of SUD services	Provide support to RISE, Douglas Co Health Dept, SHIF, and the Douglas County correctional office in expanding their services	Support the need for additional expansion of services (ex. MAR)	Provide information on additional funding opportunities.
<b>Treatment</b>	Waitlists/ staffing shortages	Provide support for additional services providers wishing to expand SUD services	Collaborate with organizations located outside of Douglas County to coordinate efforts within Douglas County	Additional funding for educational opportunities for college students interesting in the field of study. Increased funding for not-for-profits to employ staff at appropriate wages
<b>Recovery</b>	Lack of recovery housing	Provide information and assistance to interested individuals and/or organizations	Aid in locating funding sources and potential building spaces	Provide mentorship and funding source information to support efforts

<b>Recovery</b>	Insufficient diversity of recovery support groups	Promote information on support group facilitation not currently offered within the county	Facilitate discussions between persons with lived experience and local meeting chapters	Less restrictions on ROSC councils to assist in development and facilitation of support group meetings
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