

**Gap Analysis FY24
Edgar County ROSC Council (EdCRC)**

Region: ROSC Region 4
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County: Edgar 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:

- 1. Health Promotion:** General lack of education and understanding regarding Substance Use Disorders, leading to increased community stigma
- 2. Prevention:** Additional trainings for medical personnel on early identification and screening of substance use
- 3. Intervention/Harm Reduction:** Lack of drug court, lack of information regarding access to harm reduction programs and services including needle exchange programs
- 4. Treatment:** Lack of access to transportation, waitlists, staffing shortages, lack of broadband access
- 5. Recovery Supports:** Lack of Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) Council, lack of recovery housing, additional support groups

Point on Continuum	Identified Gap: Edgar 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-stigma efforts • Community education events that are designed to address stigma and increase substance use knowledge • Social media campaigns • Recovery testimonies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote and create partnerships for anti-stigma efforts and campaigns • Partner with HRC Prevention, CARE, and ECPHD to provide SUD awareness information to the community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statewide anti-stigma campaigns • Funding from the state to address stigma in rural communities
Prevention	Insufficient trainings for medical personnel on early identification and screening of substance use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer SUD educational workshops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner with health organizations in the county to educate medical staff on identifying SUD signs in patients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide funding for SUD educational staff
Intervention/Harm Reduction	Lack of local certified drug court	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy of local drug court to local judge, states attorney, public defender, probation, etc. • Gathering research on efficacy of drug courts • Seek out funding sources • Look into potential 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessing buy-in of judicial system • Bring in additional community groups/resources to enhance county's knowledge on drug courts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AOIC board has informational sessions on the start-up of a drug court • Increase funding avenues

		partnerships with neighboring county's		
Intervention/Harm Reduction	Need for increased health promotion around harm reduction programs and services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social media posts with places in the community to access harm reduction materials and services • The usage of physical flyers in the community to promote harm reduction materials and services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with partnering agencies to share social media posts and physical flyers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated statewide list of harm reduction services and materials • Increased funding for harm reduction supplies for counties

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Treatment	Lack of reliable transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of volunteer-based models; work with local organizations and coalitions to identify driver volunteers • Expansion of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential partnerships with church buses • Potential partnership with HRC and their transportation vans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion of transportation service contracts • Implementation of a free loop service

		public bus system operation hours		
Treatment	Waitlists/staffing shortages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilize volunteer-based transportation models to drive residents to neighboring treatment centers Creation and implementation of a Safe Passage initiative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building partnerships with other treatment agencies for referrals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding towards local providers to increase staffing and overall supports

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Recovery	Lack of recovery housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase understanding of the various types of housing • Examine tax incentives • Getting community buy-in • Explore funding opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with local recovery supports to increase recovery meetings in the community • Partnerships with recovery-oriented agencies to provide services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employer/landlord incentives • Increased funding for recovery homes
Recovery	Insufficient diversity of recovery support groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with PLEs to develop additional recovery support meetings • Ensure that virtual recovery supports are available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner with diverse recovery supports in other counties • Provide financial support towards sustaining a variety of local support groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide additional funding opportunities that allow for expansion and diversity of local recovery support groups