



GAP Analysis

October 2023

The four main gaps in services, which are identified in the Community Needs Assessment are:

1. Housing
2. Transportation
3. Stigma Reduction
4. SUD Mental Health Providers

Housing:

The Coalition reached out and spoke with a representative from Oxford House, Inc. and our communities are currently too small to support an Oxford House under their current requirements. Changes may be coming to their program which may make our communities eligible in the future. The Coalition does not have enough funds or a donor to help fund a house on our own.

Transportation:

The Coalition reached out and had a representative from South Central Transit District, or public transit company, speak at our monthly meeting about their services. They recently had to suspend their routes and are currently only providing “on demand” services. We have provided Casey’s gift cards to our Probation Department to help with gas needs for those participating in drug court. A consideration is reaching out to churches that have vans to see if they could help with transporting persons to drug court program appointments but that hasn’t happened yet due to safety and insurance concerns.

Stigma Reduction:

The Coalition has been broadcasting about and attending community meetings and events talking about our work supporting persons seeking recovery. We sponsor an annual Overdose Awareness Day Event, Red Ribbon Week activities in schools, and in 2023 sponsored our first “Celebrate Life” event where we brought together all kinds of agencies that support people from birth to death, along with speakers, music, and food trucks in an outdoor setting in a park.

SUD Mental Health Providers:

Many different community surveys have all identified the need for more mental health providers in Clinton County. The rural setting is a challenge for attracting and keeping mental health providers. The cost of counseling is also prohibitive for many persons and families. The coalition has spoken with many mental health providers and the 708 Mental Health Board to brainstorm ideas to address these issues.