



COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT FY24

ABSTRACT

Includes inventory of all SUD/COD resources, peer RSS, recovery residences, credentialed CRSS/CPRS providers, readiness, etc.

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The Near South Side Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC) Council has assessed its perspective communities (Near South, Armour Square, McKinley Park, and Bridgeport) in order to give an account for the Services provided for those with substance use disorder.

The assessment was completed using both a questionnaire format as well as in person face to face and web mini interviews. Interviews were conducted with stakeholders such as, Police, Aldermen and Alderwomen and community members. Although the community is full of resources, the community can benefit from expanding existing mental health and substance use care programs to increase access across the neighborhoods. The resources and gaps have both been identified below and will be expounded upon in the upcoming strategic plan.

Some services that are provided are:

- Intensive Outpatient/Partial Hospitalization
- Outpatient Counseling
- Buprenorphine / Suboxone / Office-based Opioid Treatment
- Residential programs are licensed and accredited and use evidence-based approaches to care.
- Recovery Support Services.
- Drug and alcohol addiction education groups
- Family counseling and education
- Recreational and team building activities 12-step education
- Recovery planning, and relapse prevention
- Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- Medication Assisted Recovery (MAR)
- Recovery Coaching
- Medication Information / Assistance
- Hepatitis C / Viral Hepatitis Resources & Information
- Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution Services (Narcan/Naloxone)
- HIV / AIDS Resources & Information
- Vivitrol / Injectable Naltrexone

There are Mental Health Clinics that offer:

- Individual therapy
- Family therapy
- School consultations
- Mental health seminars

Some Gaps that exist are:

- Transportation
- Housing
- Employment
- Stigma
- Lack of awareness of substance use disorder education
- Lack of Family Support education
- Sober Community Events

Resources:

- Marijuana Anonymous Illinois
- Where the heart is
- Midwest Asian Health Association's Community Mental Health Clinic
- Wellness Home Behavioral Health
- Chicago treatment and counseling center
- Insight Hospital and medical center Chicago
- Ashe Counseling Center
- Legacy Healing Center
- Pui Tak Center
- McK-UDOS (through MAHA)
- Oak Street Health Chinatown Primary Care Clinic
- Chinese American Service League
- China Square Clinic
- Access Cabrini Family Health
- Restoration
- New Life Church
- Central Community Church
- Pilsen Wellness Center
- Bridgeport Free Clinic
- Safe Place Counseling
- New Valentine Alano Club
- Ada S. McKinley

One of the biggest strengths in these communities is their police and community member presence through the CAPS programs, Beat Meetings and Ward nights. Many community members take time to learn what is going on in their neighborhood.

Although we were able to gather information to support the existence of Treatment and Recovery Support services, we did notice that many stakeholders did not have the information that these services existed. The communication and marketing of these services can be strengthened. We are currently creating a plan to assist the community with the spread of

information and services provided. This information will be expounded upon in the Strategic plan.