



INITIAL GAP ANALYSIS

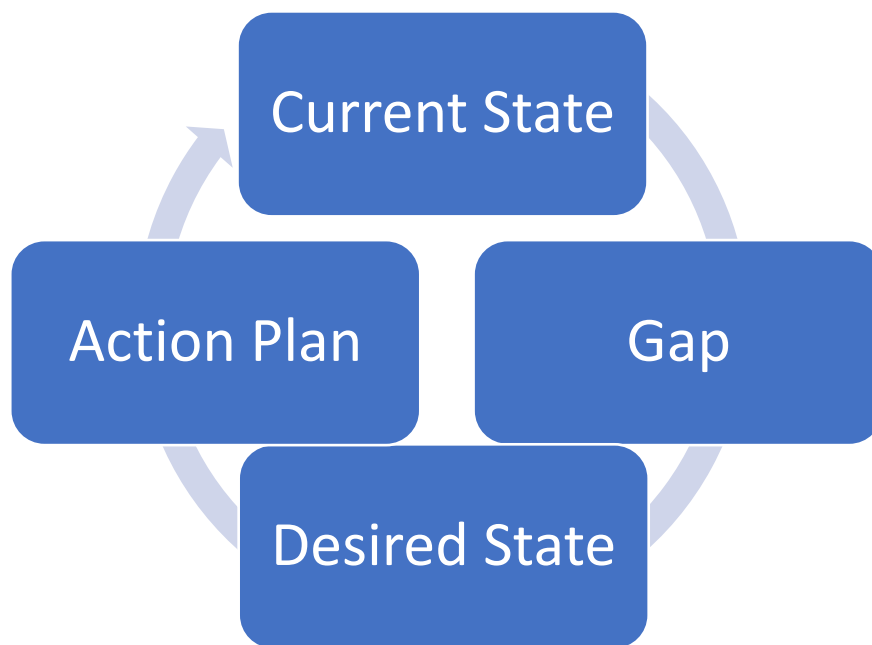
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ABSTRACT

The findings here stems from the community resource assessment document. Here we focus on what the community is doing well vs. Un-met needs.

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The Gap analysis identifies and assesses the gaps between the current and desired state concerning resources and supportive services available for the Near South Recovery community. In this gap analysis we focus on Transportation, Affordable Housing, Employment, Stigma, Lack of awareness of substance use disorder education, Lack of awareness of family support information, and Sober community events.



Identified Gaps	Next Steps	Supplementary Information
<p>Transportation</p> <p>Lack of Reliable Transportation</p> <p>Lack of funds for Public transportation</p>	<p>Partner with organizations that offer free bus cards for those in need.</p>	<p>EDDR Foundations offers bus cards to through their recovery support program.</p>
<p>Housing</p> <p>Affordable Housing</p>	<p>There has always been a need for affordable housing throughout the Chicagoland area.</p> <p>There are housing programs such as Where the Heart Is for Transitional Living and Chinese American Service League providing HUD-approved Housing Counseling.</p> <p>Often housing becomes an issue when rental units increase rent and there is a shortage in affordable housing developments.</p>	
<p>Employment</p>	<p>Partner with organizations that offer certification for basic job skill sets, resume writing, and job leads.</p> <p>Organizations such as Ada S. McKinley provided supported employment programming provides job coaching for people with disabilities.</p>	<p>EDDR Foundation Offers these Services through their Recovery Support Program</p>
<p>Stigma</p>	<p>Encourage those with lived experience who have notoriety in the community to come out and tell their stories. This gives another perspective into the Disease and how it affects everyone.</p> <p>Allow people more opportunities to tell their stories.</p>	
<p>Lack of awareness of substance use disorder education</p>	<p>Many organizations do offer substance use disorder education such as training on Narcan, Harm Reduction, Medicated assisted treatment etc. This kind of information should be spread in meetings</p>	

	<p>such as the Alderman's ward nights and the CAPS meetings which community members from all walks of life attend.</p> <p>We will make it a point to spread awareness that these services are available when speaking with Stakeholders and attending Monthly meetings.</p>	
Lack of Family Support education	<p>Family Support education is available through many organizations such as Family Guidance Centers. We at EDDR Foundation are working to start our own Family support education program.</p> <p>We will make it a point to spread awareness that these services are available when speaking with Stakeholders and attending Monthly meetings.</p>	<p>Family Support Education through EDDR Foundation is currently being mapped out. More information will be provided at the appropriate time.</p>
Sober Community Events	<p>There are some organizations such as Phoenix which offer Sober activities throughout the Chicagoland area.</p>	