



Grand Boulevard Prevention Services

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ROSC Grand Boulevard Prevention Services Strategic Plan 2024

Grand Boulevard Prevention Services (GBPS) ROSC Strategic Plan

Mission Statement: The integration of collective perspectives strategically implementing community-based educational, intervention, prevention, and focused solutions to build healthy youth, informed individuals, and resilient communities Fit Her.

Vision Statement: Vision Statement: Grand Boulevard Prevention Services is focused on the intersection of violence and substance abuse and the implementation of culturally informed strategies to promote substance abuse prevention education, violence prevention, offer pro-social alternatives as positive alternatives to violence and substance abuse, and promote strategic planning by community stakeholders to address risk factors in its target community. To create a community in Grand Boulevard, Douglas, Washington Park, and Fuller Park where substance use is prevented, recovery is supported, and individuals can thrive.

Mission: GBPS, as a Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) grantee, will build a collaborative network of providers, community organizations, and individuals to strengthen the continuum of care for those impacted by substance use disorder (SUD).

Goal A: Strengthen the GBPS ROSC Council

Objective 1: Increase Provider Participation

- **Activity 1.1:** Continue to target specific communities, Grand Boulevard, Washington Park, Fuller Park, and Douglas.
- **Activity 1.2:** Conduct targeted outreach to treatment providers through phone calls, in-person meetings, and informational packets highlighting ROSC benefits.
- **Activity 1.3:** Organize joint training sessions and events with other ROSC stakeholders to foster collaboration.
- **Activity 1.4:** Showcase success stories of how ROSC has benefited providers and the community to encourage wider participation.
- **Activity 1.5:** Incorporate Harm Reduction, Trauma-informed care, and Mental Health First Aide interactive events in our services areas of Grand Boulevard, Washington Park, Fuller Park, and Douglas.

Objective 2: Enhance Council Member Capacity

- **Activity 2.1:** Offer training opportunities on ROSC best practices, cultural competency, and advocacy skills.
- **Activity 2.2:** Develop a peer support network for council members to share challenges and successes.
- **Activity 2.3:** Implement a mentorship program to support new council members and foster professional development.

Goal B: Expand Awareness of ROSC in the Community

Objective 1: Increase Public Understanding of ROSC

- **Activity 1.1:** Organize educational workshops and community forums to raise awareness of ROSC and its role in supporting recovery.
- **Activity 1.2:** Utilize social media platforms.
- **Activity 1.3:** Create community newsletters.
- **Activity 1.4:** Develop and distribute informational materials, including brochures and social media posts, explaining ROSC and its benefits.
- **Activity 1.5:** Partner with faith-based organizations, community centers, and local businesses to promote ROSC and recovery resources.

Objective 2: Reduce Stigma Associated with Addiction

- **Activity 2.1:** Include people with lived experiences (PLE) to mentor and share their stories and how they address their challenges regarding stigma through public speaking and all forms of outreach.
- **Activity 2.2:** Implement our strategic communication plan with clear messages that resonate with residents regarding recovery support services.
- **Activity 2.3:** Engage and inform the community about recovery homes and recovery support systems within their community.
- **Activity 2.4:** Be mindful of biased behaviors and attitudes toward addiction.
- **Activity 2.5:** Encourage and model the usage of positive and accepting verbiage in communicating recovery support with the community and those within recovery.

Goal C: Enhance the Sustainability of GBPS ROSC

Objective 1: Diversify Funding Sources

- **Activity 1.1:** Research and apply for grants beyond traditional sources, exploring public-private partnerships, corporate sponsorships, and fundraising events.
- **Activity 1.2:** Complete our long-term sustainability plan outlining strategies for securing ongoing funding.
- **Activity 1.3:** Inform and enlist community businesses in diverse ways to support GBPS ROSC funding

Objective 2: Strengthen Data Collection and Measurement

- **Activity 2.1:** Implement standardized data collection procedures to track program outcomes and measure effectiveness.
- **Activity 2.2:** Utilize data to inform program development, resource allocation, and grant proposals.

Evaluation

- GBPS ROSC will conduct annual surveys to assess progress towards goals and objectives.
- Data collected on program participation and outcomes will be used to measure effectiveness.
- Regular meetings will be held to discuss challenges and make necessary adjustments to the strategic plan.

Conclusion

This strategic plan provides a framework for GBPS ROSC to strengthen its network, expand awareness, and ensure the long-term sustainability of recovery support services in Grand Boulevard, Douglas, Washington Park, and Fuller Park. Through collaborative efforts, GBPS ROSC will work to create a community where individuals can access the resources and support needed to achieve and maintain recovery.

Strengths

- GBPS's experience: The organization has been active in the community since 2015 establishing trust and credibility.
- Programs: GBPS offers various programs for youths and adults, including educational workshops and awareness campaigns.
- Harm Reduction: GBPS provides free Narcan training and advocates for increased access to harm reduction services.
- Recovery Support: GBPS offers recovery support services for individuals in recovery including peer support and linkage to resources.
- Community Engagement: GBPS works to build community norms that discourage substance use and promotes recovery
- Peer Support Expertise: GBPS has staff and volunteers with lived experience and with education surrounding substance abuse and mental health challenges.
- Naloxone Training: GBPS offers Naloxone training to prevent overdose deaths.
- Trauma: Informed approach.

Weaknesses

- Limited provider participation: As a new ROSC, the coalition is still in the process of building participation in the meetings. Lack of attendance of providers at ROSC meetings weakens the network.
- Recovery Professionals: Additional staff training is needed to allow individuals to become certified in Illinois.

Opportunities

- ROSC Expansion: GBPS will leverage the ROSC framework to build access to recovery resources.
- Increased Outreach: Targeted outreach strategies like webinars and consultations can educate providers about ROSC and encourage participation.
- Sustainability planning: Developing sustainable funding streams will ensure the long-term viability of recovery support services.
- Strategic Communication: Clear messages that resonate with residents and providers can improve service utilization and recruitment efforts.
- Staffing: GBPS can provide residents with training to become professional in the recovery field.

Threats

- Limited Funding: ROSC council rely on grants and funding streams that may be unstable or insufficient to support long-term operations.

- Sustainability Challenges: Securing long-term to ensure the viability of ROSC services can be difficult.
- Provider Participation: A lack of participants from substance abuse treatment providers weakens the ROSC network and limits the reach of recovery support services.
- Stigma: Stigma surrounding addiction can discourage people from seeking help and make it difficult to build community support for ROSC initiatives.
- Staffing Shortages: Difficulty recruiting and retaining qualified staff, particularly certified peer recovery specialists, could limit the capacity of ROSC council to deliver services.