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Opioid Grant Implementation: Innovative Strategies for Rural Communities

Area 1 Best Practices
May 7, 2020

“It used to be conventional wisdom that drug problems were confined to the big cities and urban areas. No more.”

Drug Crisis Comes to Rural Ohio, Ohio Farm Bureau, Kelli Milligan Stammen, June, 2017

Typical Rural Area Service Obstacles

- Limited public transportation options
- Lack of Internet connectivity
- Fewer ancillary resources
- Higher unemployment

Unique Aspects of Area 1's Service Model

- Direct ties to the local justice system
- Services that address rural needs
- Interest and participation from employers
- Strategic fiscal policies

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Direct Ties to the Local Justice System

- **OhioMeansJobs Staff Work With**
 - Drug Court
 - Common Pleas Court
 - Probation Hearings
- **Customers Referred to OhioMeansJobs Centers**
 - Assess for education, employment, and training needs
 - Identify supportive service needs, including transportation
 - Make connections with other partner services

Services that Address Rural Needs

- **Transportation**
 - Van service
 - Ride share bus
- **Connectivity**
 - OhioMeansJobs Center locations
 - Wifi in county offices, libraries, and schools
 - Smart school buses
- **Direction to Community Resources**
 - Family Navigator
 - Community Coordinator
 - Workforce and Development Case Manager
- **Employment**
 - Direct business engagement via Business Resource Network

*Covid-19 Update:
Area 1 is reaching out
to customers via
telephone and video
conferencing
tools.*

Interest and Participation from Employers

- **Business Resource Network Surveys**
 - Specific questions related to Opioid grants
 - 10 – 15 percent response rate
 - Majority wanted more information on what it means to become recovery-friendly
- **Business Expo**
 - Presenters included workforce, justice system, and recovery centers
 - Discussion included opioid grants, second chance efforts, employee bonding, WOTC, etc.
- **Work Experience**
 - Temporary jobs and certifications – OSHA, Bobcat, chainsaw, tractor, mechanical and maintenance

Strategic Fiscal Policies

- Transferred Dislocated Worker Formula Funds to Adult
- Changed Adult Eligibility to 300 Percent of Poverty Level

Area's entire population is impacted by opioid misuse; however Opioid Grants target only dislocated workers.

Summary: Pro Tips

- **Meet with justice system partners to explain services and embed staff into court activities.** Area 1 has personnel that attend court sessions and probation hearings each week.
- **Secure expertise to help customers with any ancillary services they may need.** Area 1 uses Family Navigators, Community Coordinators, and Workforce and Development Case Managers to help individuals and their families remain on track and avoid triggers for relapse.
- **Develop strategies to maximize resources.** Area 1 has transferred formula funds between Dislocated Worker and Adult; and then loosened Adult income requirements to increase access to services.

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Questions

What questions do you have for Area 1?



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