

# CT State Targeted Response (STR) to the Opioid Crisis

## Year 2 Implementation Update (6/12/18)



**Project Period: 5-1-18 to 4-30-19**

**Federal Funding Amount: \$5,500,157 annually**

### Treatment & Recovery Supports Initiatives:

1. Continue to increase the # of outpatient clinics that have medication assisted opioid treatment available; a sub-set of those (“enhanced” clinics) will also have employment services, a recovery coach and case management. **(CB-MATe providers are: The Village, Hill Health, CNV Help; CB-MAT providers are: CHR (Bloomfield), CT Counseling (Stamford, Meriden), CASA (Bridgeport), and Connection (TBD).**
2. Continue to provide treatment vouchers for substance abuse residential in conjunction with MAT for people uninsured or under-insured. **(Advanced Behavioral Health)**
3. Continue to expand the number of hospitals from the original 4 (**Manchester, Windham, L&M, Backus**) to 10 having on-call CCAR Recovery Coaches for their Emergency Departments. **(Danbury, MidState, St. Francis, Day Kimball, Bridgeport, Charlotte Hungerford).**
4. Continue to expand DOC’s “Living Free” re-entry initiative that involves extensive in-reach pre-release, followed by treatment post-release. **(CMHA).**
5. Continue to implement MAT induction at Osborne DOC pre-release center. **(CHR).**
6. Continue to support substance abuse residential programs to be “MAT-friendly”. **(SCADD, Wellmore).**
7. Continue to expand the JD-CSSD “Treatment Program Pathway”: clinician evaluates in court, and then recommends treatment to judge. **(SCADD, New London court; MCCA, Torrington and Waterbury courts).**
8. Continue to support the implementation of the “Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion” (LEAD) initiative. **(Cornell Scott, New Haven; Inter-Community, Hartford).**
9. Continue to support Recovery Coaches at methadone clinics. **(CASA, New Haven; CHR, Putnam; CT Counseling, Waterbury; Cornell Scott, New Haven).**

### Prevention Initiatives:

1. Together with DCP, DPH and DCF, continue the opioid use targeted social media campaign. **(In conjunction with SPF RX grant, “Change the Script” has been launched. Communities are utilizing materials and conducting events, billboards are up and mall signage is displayed through mid-June. Clearinghouse will maintain a database of statewide utilization of the campaign).**
2. Utilizing five Regional Behavioral Health Action Organizations (RBHAO’s), formerly RAC’s, promote Narcan training and distribution. **(RBHAO’s will continue to provide training and distribute Narcan).**
3. Develop a hybrid, interactive web based training and a webinar along with an accompanying users guide on Opioid Education and Awareness. **(Training & Technical Assistance Service Center – they have developed learning objectives and are beginning production).**

4. Provide 5 training and education sessions to major corporations, utilizing the Opioid Education and Awareness Hybrid. (**Governors Prevention Partnership –working on cultivating relationships**).
5. Through the CT Clearinghouse, provide mini-grants to 16 college campuses under the Connecticut Healthy Campus Initiative (CHCI). (**16 campuses will receive funding in the amount of \$10,000 each to implement campus based public awareness/education events – current 13 awardees will receive contract extension and original RFP will be amended and issued to solicit 3 more campuses**).
6. Provide at least two trainings to institutions of higher education via the Connecticut Healthy Campus Initiative on customization of the Change the Script materials for use on college campuses. (**TTASC target date fall 2018**).
7. Through five Regional Behavioral Health Action Organizations (RBHAO's), provide mini-grants to Community Coalitions with preference given to Local Prevention Councils. (**65 communities are implementing public awareness and education activities/events**).
8. Implement 5 programs across the state that train parents in both English and Spanish on communicating effectively with children on the dangers of drug use. (**Courage to Speak – year 2 contract amendment is executed and training dates are being determined**).
9. Continue to update www.drugfreect.org website. (**Clearinghouse**).
10. Continue to support a statewide Youth Coordinator to facilitate the development of a statewide recovery support system for youth. (**Wheeler Clinic**).
11. Continue to provide weekly opioid education and family support meetings in six locations statewide. (**Clifford Beers, New Haven; CRT, Hartford (Spanish); McCall, Torrington; NAMI, Hartford; Sound, New London; Wheeler Clinic, Plainville**).
12. Conduct provider Learning Collaboratives on “Auricular Acupuncture” for opioid recovery and a “Women and Opioids” Conference. (**CT Women’s Consortium**).
13. Continue to provide faith-based education: Clergy training in 5 churches: “Imani Breakthrough” (**PRCH**).
14. Continue to provide education and crisis de-briefings for *clinicians* who lose clients to overdoses. (**UConn working with DBHRN teams**).
15. Provide training to professionals to support clinicians working with individuals with OUDs. (**Dr. Manny Paris; Dr. Luis Anez**).
16. Outreach and engagement @ “drop-in center”. (**Greater Hartford Harm Reduction Coalition**)

**STR Project Partners:** Department of Correction; Judicial Branch; Department of Children & Families; Department of Consumer Protection; Department of Public Health; UCONN School of Social Work; Yale Program for Recovery & Community Health