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Somerset County Opioid Response

Our **VISION** & **MISSION** MAKE UP THE DNA OF OUR PROJECT!

VISION STATEMENT

The Rural Communities Opioid Response Project is working to build a system of services for those who manage a substance use disorder or an opiate use disorder across Somerset County.

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VISION POINT ONE

Timely, low barrier access to SUD/OD treatment, recovery, and support services across Somerset County

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VISION POINT TWO

Safe environments for spirit, mind and body to address the opioid use disorder in our county.

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VISION POINT THREE

A needs based plan that creates a recovery ready community.



MISSION POINT ONE

Strengthen the health and recovery infrastructure, creating new structures, where needed, for people with SUD/ODU, in Somerset County.

MISSION POINT TWO

Increase public understanding of addiction as a chronic disease for which treatment is available and recovery is possible.

MISSION POINT THREE

Create atmospheres that are positive, uplifting, and reinforce healthy behaviors. We believe in treating people with courtesy, respect and dignity.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The areas of focus are:

- people who are using substances and want to stop.
- people who are using substance and are not quite ready to stop.
- Family members or support people of those who are in recovery or have a loved one that is still using substances.

VALUES



The foundation of our project is built on people. We value the input and the experiences that people have. We respect their journey and applaud their successes. We value strength and personal growth.

COURTESY

People: Without people, we have no project.

Prevention: Starts with education.

RESPECT

Commitment: We have community leaders supporting our project.

Treatment: We are using various practices of treatment.

DIGNITY

Diversity: We value the different perspectives of substance use disorder and different pathways of recovery.

Recovery: We are using evidence based practices for treatment and recovery.





What WE accomplished in a year

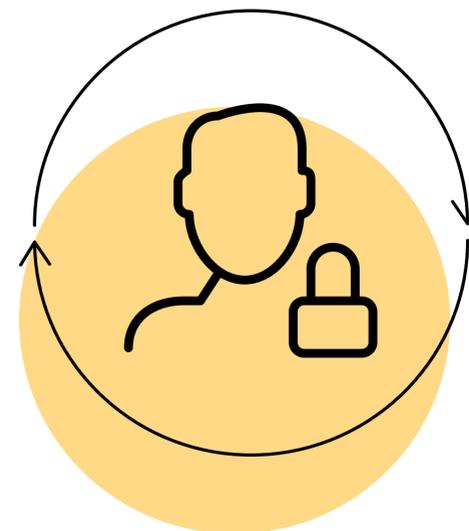
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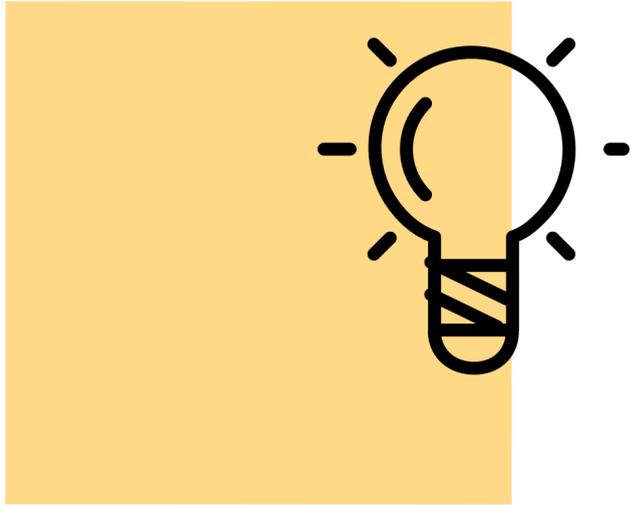
People

By listening to what people needed and what the barriers were, we found a solution. We created a referral pathway from Somerset County Jail to the Bridge Clinic for those who want recovery to start as soon as they are released.

Prevention

Prevention starts with education. We learned stigma hinders recovery. We used social media to help educate people about stigma and the different parts of recovery.





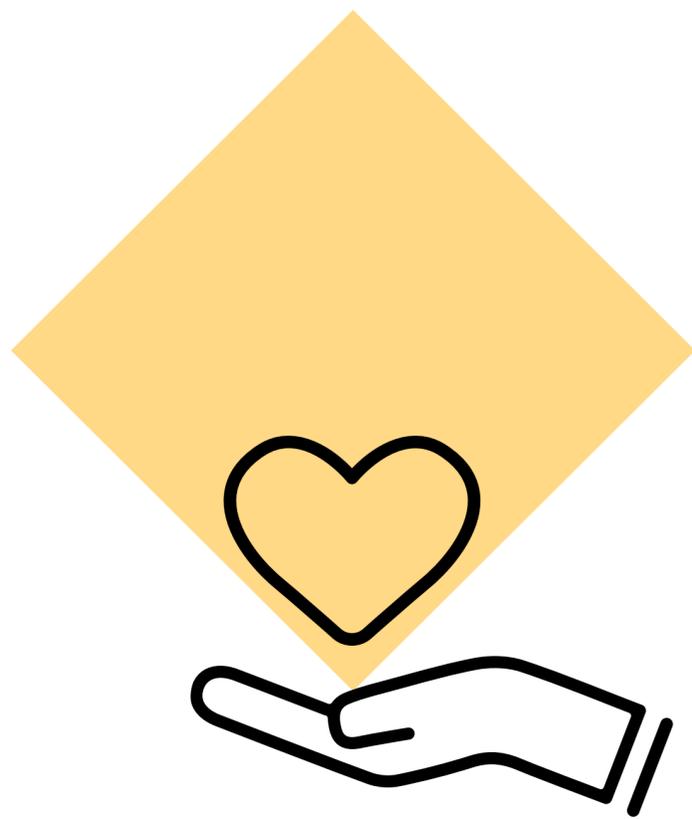
Commitment

We developed a strategic plan, a workforce plan and a sustainability plan to address the gaps identified in the needs assessment. We will work together to make policy changes to address changes for success.

Treatment

The bridge clinic has been able to help over 50 people start on MAT and get connected to other treatment. We worked collaboratively with the hospital to initiate free naloxone to anyone that asked for it. We also became a Tier 2 provider of the State Narcan distribution plan



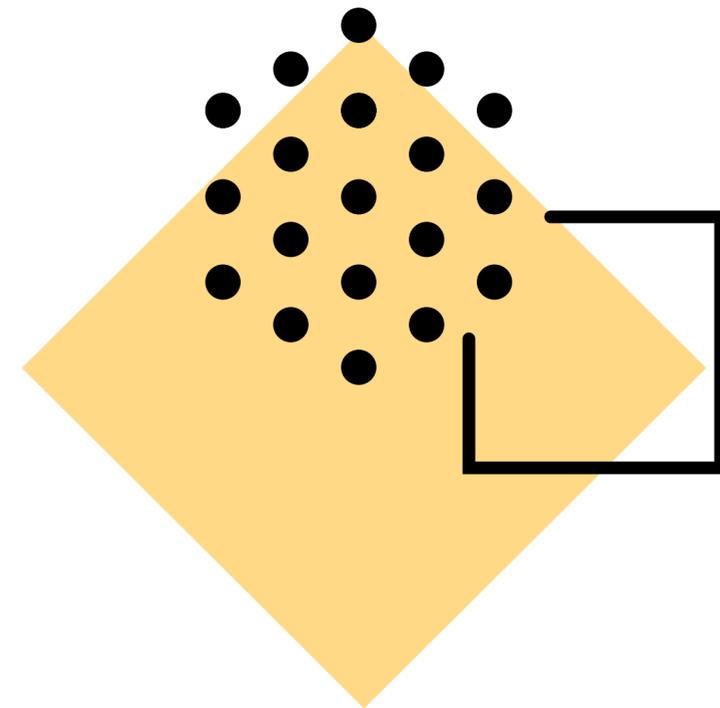


Recovery

We are using evidence based practices to reduce opioid overdose deaths. There is now a recovery coach coordinator who is assisting in developing the recovery coach program and working with the jail.

Diversity

We brought 2 people with lived experience into our consortium as we realized that we do not hold all the answers or the life experience.





We have **BIG** plans for next year! ©

We want to create more environments where people are able to feel valued and succeed by working with people that accepts them for where they are in their recovery journey. We want to stop people from dying from overdoses in Somerset County.

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