

YOUTH OPIOID RESPONSE

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Project Goal

S.M.A.R.T Goals

Specific

Increase access to MAT and reduce both the number of unmet treatment needs and opioid-related overdose.

Measurable

VOALA YOR has connected with emergency departments, primary care clinics, inpatient residential rehab programs, county mental health centers, and patient care navigators.

Achievable

YOR has launched partnerships with 6 programs who can receive MAT for Opioid addiction.

Realistic

VOALA has witnessed higher rates of treatment retention, and a reduction of opioid use in our youth that we have supported.

Time-bound

VOALA has increased immediate access of transportation assistance and committed to meet the clients in person for execution of support.

What were your results

Education/prevention materials

Connected each youth with prevention materials, as well as tools to use such as comprehensive teen health-oriented apps to manage mental health.

Harm Reduction Approach

Case managers use harm reduction approach to support “unintended challenges” we have focused on were services are needed to continue recovery. Quality of care, weekly assessments, and monitoring progress.

Monitoring Drug abuse Survey

VOALA is developing a youth worksheet data form on selected substances our key findings and reasons for using.

Increase Public Awareness

Community members

VOALA has increased trainings, entitled “Responding to an Opioid Overdose: Administering and Distributing Narcan”. To increase our services.

Sustainability

We will cover these skills:

- Consistency
- Facilitate substance abuse & misuse warning signs, risk factors, referrals, targeting youth and family involvement.
- Reinforcement
- Follow up
- Prevention
- Foster positive relationships

