

Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP)

Purpose

The NYS AHEC System has received funding from the Human Resources and Services Administration to strengthen and expand substance use/opioid use prevention, treatment, and recovery service delivery in high-risk rural areas. This three year program assembles a consortium of direct care providers, local county health agencies, and community non-profit organizations to accomplish each of the project objectives listed below. Together, the consortium will (a) identify and implement comprehensive OUD screening, treatment, tracking, and recovery services; and (b) develop and provide extensive trainings related to substance use prevention, community and family education, professional development, and provider/local community resources and services.

Participating Partners:

Two AHEC Centers (Hudson Mohawk AHEC and Western New York Rural AHEC) will be collaborating with direct service providers to help support the initiatives of this program. The NYS AHEC System is proud to partner with the following organizations:



Spectrum Health and Human Services of WNY

Located in Warsaw, NY, Spectrum Health is a private, non-profit community mental health organization that provides a wide range of services including treatment and rehabilitation of psychiatric disabilities, psychological problems, and substance-related disorders.



Citizen Advocates, Inc.

Located in Saranac Lake and Malone, NY, Citizen Advocates is a mental health non-profit organization dedicated to providing developmental disability, mental health and substance abuse prevention, treatment and recovery services throughout Franklin, Clinton, Essex, Hamilton and St. Lawrence counties.



Montgomery County Health Department

As the area's central government, Montgomery County Public Health Department is dedicated to providing community health protection and promotion, screening and prevention services, as well as outreach and awareness to help individuals access and benefit from the health care system and community resources.

Project Scope of Work

- **Goal 1: Prevention:** Reduce the occurrence and associated risk of opioid use disorder (OUD) through activities such as community and provider education, harm reduction strategies, and referral to treatment and recovery support services.
- **Goal 2: Treatment:** Implement/expand access to evidence-based practices, including medication-assisted treatment (MAT) with psychosocial intervention, and eliminate or reduce treatment costs for uninsured and underinsured patients.
- **Goal 3: Recovery:** Implement/expand access to recovery and treatment options that help people battling OUD start and stay in recovery, including ensuring access to support services such as, but not limited to, transportation, housing, peer recovery, case management, employment assistance, and child care.
- **Goal 4: Sustainability:** Support efforts for achieving financial and programmatic sustainability beyond period of performance.

