

### **Adam's Place: Healing and Support for Families Affected by Opioid and Stimulant Loss (SOR 3 NCE)**

Adam's Place provides essential emotional and psychosocial support to children and families impacted by loss due to opioid and stimulant use disorders. This program offers individualized support plans developed through needs assessments, Child Life consultations, and case management. A cornerstone of the initiative is Camp Cope, which fosters emotional healing and equips participants with coping tools through interactive sessions and family-oriented activities. Monthly follow-ups ensure sustained support and progress tracking. In addition, Adam's Place expands its impact through targeted outreach campaigns and educational initiatives, empowering professionals, caregivers, and community members to support affected families effectively. By addressing grief and promoting resilience, Adam's Place strengthens family bonds and improves outcomes for those navigating the challenges of substance-related loss.

### **Behavioral Health Group - After-Hours Access: Expanding MOUD Services for Uninsured (SOR 3 NCE)**

The Behavioral Health Group (BHG) enhances access to Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) by offering after-hours treatment for uninsured individuals. The program operates Monday through Saturday, ensuring accessibility and continuity of care for at-risk populations. Services include comprehensive assessments, drug screenings, and medication evaluations, managed by nurse practitioners and counselors. The initiative prioritizes data collection, with at least 80% of admitted individuals completing GPRA assessments at intake, 6-month follow-ups, and discharge. By providing tailored treatment and mental health support, this project addresses gaps in care, supports recovery, and reduces opioid-related harm in vulnerable communities.

### **Behavioral Health Group (BHG) - Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC) Transitional Care Project: Bridging MOUD Services for Reentry Success (SOR 3 NCE)**

BHG, in collaboration with NDOC, leads the NDOC Transitional Care Project for the Casa Grande Transitional Housing and Northern Nevada Transitional Housing facilities. This initiative provides Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) and mental health services

to incarcerated individuals transitioning to community housing, prioritizing uninsured individuals. The program ensures continuity of care through comprehensive assessments, screenings, and counselor rotations. Collaborative efforts with NDOC include refining screening tools to enhance service delivery. By addressing critical gaps in care and fostering effective reentry strategies, the project supports recovery, reduces recidivism, and improves community health outcomes.

### **Bristlecone Family Resource Center: Expanding Treatment and Recovery Support for Opioid and Stimulant Use Disorders (SOR 3 NCE)**

Bristlecone Family Resources is committed to increasing access to effective treatment and recovery support services for individuals with opioid and stimulant use disorders. This initiative expands residential and transitional living capacity, prioritizing high-risk populations such as pregnant intravenous drug users. Comprehensive care includes culturally competent treatment aligned with ASAM criteria, individualized plans, and Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD). The program also emphasizes intensive outpatient services, relapse prevention education, and family engagement to support long-term recovery. By monitoring treatment outcomes through GPRA data collection and fostering a continuum of care, Bristlecone Family Resources ensures clients receive the support needed to rebuild their lives and improve community health.

### **CDC Foundation - Operational Support for Nevada State Opioid Response Program (SOR 4)**

The CDC Foundation, in collaboration with the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Bureau of Behavioral Health, Wellness, and Prevention (BBHWP), provides critical operational and administrative support for the State Opioid Response (SOR) Program. This initiative focuses on recruiting, hiring, and managing key personnel to enhance the program's capacity. The CDC Foundation oversees payroll, benefits, and performance evaluations to ensure compliance with state and federal policies, while also managing travel logistics for staff. By streamlining business processes and bolstering

program efficiency through quality assurance reviews, this project strengthens Nevada's ability to respond to the opioid and stimulant crisis effectively and sustainably.

### **Carson City Community Counseling Center - Comprehensive Care for Opioid and Stimulant Use in Douglas County (SOR 3 NCE)**

The Carson City Community Counseling Center's project provides a holistic approach to treating individuals with opioid and stimulant use disorders in Douglas County and neighboring communities. The initiative includes high-intensity residential treatment, transitional living programs, and Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) services, focusing on linking incarcerated individuals to care and facilitating smooth transitions to recovery settings. The program supports approximately 50 individuals annually in safe, sober environments while delivering behavioral health services, case management, and relapse prevention strategies. Through comprehensive data collection and reporting, the project ensures accountability and effectiveness, addressing the critical gaps in care for uninsured or underinsured populations and fostering long-term recovery and stability.

### **Clark County Coroner's Office and Washoe County Medical Examiner's - Enhanced Forensic Toxicology and Data Reporting Initiative for Opioid and Stimulant Fatalities in Nevada Project (SOR 3 & SOR 4)**

The Clark County Coroner's Office and Washoe County Medical Examiner's Office are enhancing their capacity to address opioid and stimulant-related fatalities by expanding postmortem toxicology testing. This initiative incorporates advanced technology, including the Rapid Hit DNA System, to detect substances such as xylazine, stimulants, and opioids more comprehensively.

Key activities include recruiting and training personnel, implementing expanded testing protocols, and generating monthly reports to inform public health stakeholders. Quarterly evaluations will assess the effectiveness of these efforts, ensuring high-quality data supports harm reduction strategies and public health initiatives.

By strengthening forensic testing and data dissemination, this project enhances Nevada's ability to track and respond to substance-related fatalities, ultimately contributing to the state's overdose prevention efforts.

### ***Eighth Judicial District Court – Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Re-Entry Court Initiative***

The Eighth Judicial District Court (EJDC) MOUD Re-Entry Court, supported by the Nevada State Opioid Response (SOR) Program, aims to provide treatment and re-entry support for individuals transitioning from incarceration to the community. This initiative seeks to prevent re-incarceration, overdose, hospitalization, and institutionalization by connecting justice-involved individuals with MOUD and comprehensive support services.

Key activities include enrolling 73 new participants in the Re-Entry Court program, providing supportive transitional housing, and offering targeted case management. The program also focuses on data collection and analysis to ensure equity in participant selection, track admissions trends, and evaluate the effectiveness of risk needs assessments. Additionally, participant feedback will be gathered to assess program impact and inform future improvements.

By integrating treatment, housing, case management, and data-driven decision-making, the EJDC MOUD Re-Entry Court strengthens continuity of care and long-term recovery outcomes for individuals re-entering the community from incarceration.

### ***Foundation for Recovery - Mission High School Recovery Support: Comprehensive Drug Testing and Counseling (SOR 3 NCE)***

The Foundation for Recovery, in collaboration with Mission High School, provides project management support for a comprehensive drug testing and support program to assist students impacted by substance use. This initiative focuses on developing and executing a clear communication plan to engage families and students, establishing robust testing protocols, and coordinating weekly random and confirmatory drug testing services. Students with positive screenings receive individualized support plans crafted by the

school's counseling team to ensure timely interventions and promote recovery. The program also emphasizes financial and programmatic oversight, with regular reporting to maintain transparency and alignment with the State Opioid Response (SOR) Program's objectives. Through this project, Mission High School provides a supportive environment, empowering students to overcome challenges associated with substance use and fostering healthier futures.

### **Foundation for Recovery – Recovery Works Project (SOR 3 & SOR 4)**

The Foundation for Recovery's Recovery Works Project is dedicated to enhancing recovery capital and employment opportunities for individuals overcoming opioid and stimulant use disorders in Southern Nevada. This innovative program recruits participants into 12-week cohorts, providing weekly employment workshops and peer-led recovery groups. Participants receive tailored support plans, including assistance with opening bank accounts, securing job interviews, and obtaining transportation and attire for employment opportunities. By the program's conclusion, at least 80% of participants are expected to achieve stable employment. Through these comprehensive services, Recovery Works empowers participants with the skills, confidence, and resources needed to rebuild their lives and achieve long-term stability.

### **Frontier Community Coalition (FCC) - Peer Recovery Support Specialists for Opioid Prevention, Recovery, and Harm Reduction Services Project (SOR 4)**

The Peer Recovery Support Specialists for Opioid Prevention, Recovery, and Harm Reduction Services project aims to expand services in rural Nevada by hiring and training four full-time Peer Recovery Support Specialists (PRSSs). These PRSSs will focus on opioid misuse prevention, harm reduction, and recovery support. The program includes distributing naloxone kits, conducting peer-led recovery meetings, facilitating harm reduction workshops in schools, and connecting individuals to housing, mental health services, and substance use treatment. The project will collaborate with local organizations and the Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board to address gaps in service delivery and improve recovery outcomes.

### ***Impact Exchange (Trac-B) – Harm Reduction Expansion Initiative (SOR 4)***

Impact Exchange is expanding access to harm reduction services across Nevada through the strategic deployment of vending machines and mail distribution services. This initiative aims to improve public health outcomes by increasing the availability of life-saving harm reduction supplies in both urban and rural areas, reducing the risks associated with opioid and stimulant use.

Key activities include securing and maintaining harm reduction vending machine locations, regularly restocking supplies, and expanding harm reduction mail distribution to reach underserved populations. The project also focuses on community outreach and education to raise awareness about harm reduction services while recruiting and training staff to manage operations and engage with the public effectively.

To ensure accountability and sustainability, Impact Exchange will conduct ongoing monitoring, reporting, and financial oversight, tracking vending machine usage, inventory distribution, and program impact. By enhancing harm reduction accessibility and awareness, this initiative supports Nevada's efforts to reduce substance-related harms and promote safer communities.

### ***Las Vegas Justice Court Misdemeanor Treatment Court's (MTC) - Integrated Treatment and Recovery for Misdemeanor Offenders (SOR 3 NCE)***

The Las Vegas Justice Court Misdemeanor Treatment Court's (MTC) project aims to provide targeted interventions for individuals involved in the justice system who are struggling with substance use disorders. The program works collaboratively with community partners to identify suitable participants, offering alternatives to incarceration through medically assisted detoxification protocols and enhanced treatment services such as inpatient or partial hospitalization for those needing intensive care. It provides outpatient treatment combined with stable, substance-free housing for up to 18 participants to foster recovery and stability. Participants also receive professional supervision, including electronic

monitoring and random drug testing, ensuring accountability and structured support. By focusing on holistic recovery strategies, the project seeks to reduce relapse and incarceration rates while promoting long-term health and social reintegration.

#### **Life Changes, Inc. - New Beginnings Recovery Initiative**

Life Changes, Inc., leads the New Beginnings initiative to support justice-involved individuals and veterans in Northern Nevada impacted by opioid and stimulant use disorders. The project focuses on hiring and training certified Peer Recovery Support Specialists (PRSS), conducting needs assessments, and linking participants to case management, vocational training, and employment services. In addition, the program provides naloxone training and harm reduction supplies to participants and their families, implements a structured contingency management (CM) model using the fishbowl method, and ensures consistent GPRA data collection. By offering individualized support plans and incentivizing treatment adherence, New Beginnings aims to reduce recidivism, enhance recovery outcomes, and promote long-term stability for individuals transitioning into the community.

#### **Mission Treatment – Wraparound Supports for Individuals in Treatment and Recovery Pilot Project (SOR 4)**

The Mission Treatment initiative enhances access to treatment and recovery services by addressing social determinants of health and improving patient retention. This project integrates wraparound support—including housing, childcare, utilities, and transportation—with peer recovery services for individuals receiving treatment for opioid and stimulant use disorders. Nevada-certified Peer Recovery Support Specialists (PRSS) will provide peer support, case management, and receive training in grant management to ensure program efficiency. By delivering essential support to patients, the initiative aims to remove financial and social barriers to recovery, fostering long-term success.

#### **Nevada Board of Pharmacy: Expanding Prescription Monitoring Program Integration and NarxCare Usage Project (SOR 3 & SOR 4)**

The Nevada Board of Pharmacy (NV BOP) is enhancing the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) to improve public health and reduce opioid misuse. This initiative focuses on ensuring data accuracy, expanding PMP integrations, and strengthening interstate collaboration to improve oversight of controlled substances.

Key activities include generating monthly reports for public health and law enforcement, integrating PMP with electronic health records (EHR) and pharmacy management systems, and promoting NarxCare adoption to support prescribers. To address cross-border challenges, NV BOP will continue to establish data-sharing agreements with other states and improve compliance by identifying non-compliant dispensers and guiding them on state reporting laws. Additionally, a specialized reporting platform will be implemented for opioid treatment providers to enhance monitoring of dispensation data.

By strengthening data reliability, provider integration, and interstate cooperation, this initiative improves controlled substance oversight and supports informed clinical and regulatory decisions to reduce opioid misuse in Nevada.

#### **Nevada Department of Corrections – Opioid Recovery Initiative of Nevada DOC (ORION) Department-Wide MOUD Project (SOR 3 & SOR 4)**

The Nevada Department of Corrections' (NDOC) ORION initiative aims to expand access to Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) for incarcerated individuals, utilizing evidence-based treatment strategies to reduce opioid-related harm and improve recovery outcomes.

To support this effort, the initiative will hire and deploy Peer Recovery Support Specialists (PRSS) in correctional facilities across Southern and Northern Nevada, providing peer support and case management. Additionally, the project will automate and integrate the TCU-Drug Screen across NDOC facilities, streamlining the identification of opioid use disorders and co-occurring needs.

A comprehensive needs assessment, conducted in partnership with a qualified vendor, will identify barriers to MOUD implementation and provide actionable recommendations for system improvements. Through these efforts, the initiative seeks to enhance treatment accessibility and continuity of care within Nevada's correctional system.

### **Nevada State Immunization Program – SAFE VAX Initiative (*Substance use and At-risk populations Focused Expansion of Vaccine Access*) (SOR 4)**

The Nevada State Immunization Program (NSIP) SAFE VAX Initiative aims to expand vaccine access for uninsured individuals in communities with high rates of vaccine-preventable diseases and opioid- or stimulant-related overdoses. By integrating vaccination efforts with harm reduction strategies, the initiative addresses critical public health disparities.

The program will procure and distribute vaccines—including Hepatitis A and B, HPV, influenza, MPOX, and COVID-19—to clinics in high-need areas, with a goal of administering 16,000 doses annually. Additionally, program staff will partner with community organizations to attend at least five community outreach events annually to educate and engage at-risk populations, reaching 500 individuals through various educational efforts. Through these targeted strategies, the SAFE VAX Initiative seeks to improve health outcomes and reduce disease burden in vulnerable communities.

### **NyE Communities Coalition (NyECC) - Post Overdose Response Team (SOR 4)**

The NyECC Emergency Department Warm Handoff project aims to enhance the response system for individuals experiencing opioid and stimulant overdoses in Nye and Esmeralda Counties. In collaboration with Desert View Hospital, the program will create communication protocols and warm handoff procedures to connect individuals post-overdose with treatment and recovery services. Key activities include outreach by PRSSs, screening for social determinants of health, linking individuals to treatment, and providing ongoing case management. The project also includes community education to reduce stigma and increase awareness of opioid and stimulant misuse and recovery options.

### **PACT Coalition for Safe and Drug-Free Communities - Pathway to Lifesaving Addiction Navigation (PLAN) Project (SOR 3 NCE)**

The Pathway to Lifesaving Addiction Navigation (PLAN) project, implemented by the PACT Coalition for Safe and Drug-Free Communities, aims to establish and strengthen systems

of care for individuals impacted by opioid use disorders in Clark County. Through professional education mixers, enhanced emergency department protocols, and innovative rideshare initiatives, the program seeks to increase the utilization of Buprenorphine as a first-line treatment and ensure seamless linkages to care from emergency settings. The project builds trustable networks by maintaining a comprehensive resource database, implementing bed tracking for treatment facilities, and formalizing agreements between treatment centers and emergency services. With a focus on training ER providers, EMS personnel, and 911 staff, PLAN aims to integrate best practices for overdose response, bridge dosing, and patient follow-up. These efforts are designed to improve accessibility, consistency, and outcomes for individuals navigating addiction recovery.

#### **PACT Coalition for Safe and Drug-Free Communities - Enhancing Care Linkages and Buprenorphine Access (SOR 3 NCE)**

The PACT Coalition for Safe and Drug-Free Communities project aims to establish robust systems of care for individuals experiencing opioid overdoses in Clark County. The project focuses on increasing the utilization of Buprenorphine as a first-line treatment by creating seamless linkages from emergency departments (EDs) to ongoing care. Key activities include hosting educational mixers, developing ED protocols, providing transportation to treatment, and enhancing emergency response through training and coordination with EMS and 911 systems. By standardizing processes, maintaining resource databases, and integrating Buprenorphine into emergency protocols, the initiative seeks to improve accessibility, reduce barriers, and ensure consistent care across facilities. This comprehensive approach emphasizes collaboration and innovation to address substance use disorders effectively.

#### **Partida Corona Medical Center – Street Medicine Project (SOR 4)**

The Street Medicine Project, led by Partida Corona Medical Center, addresses the opioid and stimulant crisis by delivering comprehensive care to individuals with substance use disorders. Focused on harm reduction, medical treatment, and long-term recovery support, the program provides critical services such as naloxone distribution, fentanyl

testing strips, needle exchange, and communicable disease testing for Hepatitis C, HIV, and syphilis. It integrates primary care, psychiatric screenings, wound care, and Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) with behavioral health support, including connection to counseling, cognitive behavioral therapy, and peer recovery navigation. To promote stability and sustained recovery, the program also facilitates housing access and links clients to job training, support groups, and recovery communities, addressing both immediate needs and long-term goals.

#### **Problem Gambling Solutions, Inc. – Project Support for the Problem Gambling Opioid Treatment Integration Project (PG-OTIP) (SOR 4)**

The Problem Gambling – Opioid Treatment Integration Project (PG-OTIP) seeks to enhance Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) by integrating problem gambling interventions to improve patient outcomes and address co-occurring gambling issues among individuals with opioid use disorder (OUD).

To support implementation, the project will recruit up to 15 OTPs across Nevada to participate. OTP staff will receive specialized training to improve their ability to screen for and address problem gambling as part of clinical care. Additionally, the initiative will implement evidence-based digital health tools to support gambling interventions within OUD treatment.

The project will collaborate with evaluators to monitor clinical practices, collect patient feedback, and refine treatment approaches. A tracking system will be established to measure program effectiveness, patient outcomes, and the overall impact of integrating gambling interventions into OTP settings. Through these efforts, PG-OTIP aims to strengthen Nevada's response to co-occurring substance use and gambling disorders.

#### **Roseman University of Health Sciences - EMPOWERED Program (SOR 3 NCE & SOR 4)**

The Roseman University of Health Sciences EMPOWERED Program is dedicated to supporting pregnant and postpartum women in Clark County affected by opioid and

stimulant use disorders. The program provides holistic care, including longitudinal care coordination, individualized therapy, peer support, and tailored parenting courses, to mitigate Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) and encourage sustainable recovery. Through enhanced outreach, the program aims to recruit 100 new participants, expanding its impact via strategic partnerships and increased community engagement. Additionally, the program emphasizes sustainability by advancing billing capabilities and partnerships with Medicaid and other payers. Data collection and reporting are rigorously maintained to meet compliance and quality assurance standards, ensuring measurable outcomes that reflect the program's transformative impact on maternal health and recovery.

#### **Southern Nevada CHIPS – Recovery Housing Pilot Project (SOR 3 & SOR 4)**

The Southern Nevada CHIPS program is designed to provide recovery housing and comprehensive support services to individuals with opioid and stimulant use disorders (OUD/StimUD) and co-occurring mental health disorders. This initiative focuses on enhancing recovery outcomes by offering stable housing, peer support, case management, and life skills training. The project will serve as the pilot to launch the integration of the new DPBH Criteria for Recovery Housing (approved Fall 2024).

#### **Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) – Bridge to Wellness: Strengthening Prevention, Access, and Support for Opioid & Stimulant Use in Southern Nevada Project (SOR 4)**

The Bridge to Wellness project aims to address opioid and stimulant crises in Clark County through several key initiatives. SNHD will expand access to harm reduction supplies, pilot a naloxone distribution program, and implement an overdose prevention ambassador program. Additionally, the project will focus on reducing stigma among healthcare providers, preventing the spread of substance-related infectious diseases, and supporting the re-entry of justice-involved individuals through linkage to treatment and Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) services. The project also includes targeted youth prevention efforts to reduce substance misuse and build resilience.

### **Southern Nevada Health District – Naloxone Distribution Initiative (SOR 3)**

The Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) is expanding efforts to prevent opioid overdose deaths in Clark County, Nevada. This initiative focuses on increasing naloxone distribution and tracking naloxone usage. Through widespread access to naloxone, this initiative aims to reduce opioid-related fatalities and empowering community members to strengthen Nevada's overdose response capacity.

### **The Center - Meeting Patients Where They Are: A Comprehensive Peer Recovery Support Specialist-Led Mobile Clinic Project (SOR 4)**

The project involves deploying Peer Recovery Support Specialists in community-based settings, providing integrated substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services with a focus on opioid and stimulant use. The clinic offers comprehensive care, including Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), harm reduction supplies like naloxone and testing kits for fentanyl and xylazine, social determinants of health (SDoH) assessments, peer support, and linkage to additional health, recovery, and social services. The aim is to improve health outcomes, reduce infectious disease transmission, and facilitate long-term recovery for LGBTQIA+ and other vulnerable populations.

### **The Empowerment Center - Transitional Housing and Support for Women with OUD and StimUD (SOR 3 NCE)**

The Empowerment Center provides transitional housing and comprehensive support services to 155 adult women annually who suffer from Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and/or Stimulant Use Disorder (StimUD). The program offers a stable living environment with approximately 831 bed nights monthly, ensuring clients receive substance use treatment, case management, and employment/vocational support. Regular and random drug testing is conducted to maintain a substance-free environment. By integrating tailored case management, medication management, and resource coordination, the Empowerment Center empowers women to achieve long-term recovery and stability.

### **The Life Change Center - Expanding Uninsured Access to Substance Use Disorder Treatment (SOR 3 NCE)**

The Life Change Center's project aims to provide critical Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) services to uninsured individuals in Sparks, Carson City, and Reno. Over the project period, the initiative seeks to serve at least 40 unduplicated patients with MOUD options, including Methadone, Subutex, and Vivitrol, while delivering individual and group counseling services to 30 and 20 uninsured patients, respectively. A key focus is integrating counseling and recovery support with facilitated insurance enrollment through collaboration with the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS), ensuring sustainable access to care. The program emphasizes evidence-based practices and holistic support to foster recovery and long-term stability for individuals impacted by substance use disorders.

### **The Life Change Center - Reno 24/7 Harm Reduction Center: Expanding Access to Lifesaving Resources (SOR 3 NCE)**

The Life Change Center's initiative focuses on establishing a 24/7 Harm Reduction Center in Reno, Nevada. This innovative project aims to provide continuous access to harm reduction services for individuals at risk of substance use disorders. Key components include property improvements, hiring and training a certified Peer Recovery Support Specialist (PRSS), and implementing outreach strategies to promote the center's services. The center will serve as a vital resource, offering tools to reduce overdose rates and improve community health. Through ongoing evaluations and stakeholder engagement, the project will measure its impact and refine its approach to foster a safer and healthier environment for the Reno community.

### **Toni's House - Harm Reduction and Overdose Prevention Outreach Initiative (SOR 3)**

The Toni's House initiative expands overdose prevention efforts via the distribution of harm reduction backpacks containing naloxone, fentanyl and xylazine test strips, and wound care supplies through targeted outreach. Educational sessions on overdose prevention and response are also conducted at community events and outreach locations. Additionally,

the program enhances awareness by providing educational materials, hosting informational booths with QR code links to resources, and promoting emergency care courses.

Facilitating access to critical services is another key focus, with the distribution of resource cards summarizing available support and personalized case management to connect individuals with housing, health, and social services. To strengthen community engagement, the program partners with local organizations, shelters, clinics, and service providers, participating in community forums and organizing regular partner meetings to foster collaboration and share best practices. Through these efforts, Toni's House aims to improve harm reduction accessibility and support for Nevada's most vulnerable populations.

#### **University of Nevada, Las Vegas – Evaluation & Monitoring of the Problem Gambling – Opioid Treatment Integration Project (PG-OTIP) (SOR 4)**

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas efforts include comprehensive staff training, client screenings using the Problem Gambling Severity Index (PGSI), and evaluations through the Problem Gambling Capability in Addiction Treatment (PGCAT) toolkit. Regular data collection, client outcome assessments, and feedback ensure alignment with program goals and effective implementation. By integrating gambling interventions into addiction treatment, PG-OTIP supports improved client outcomes and broader public health benefits.

#### **University of Nevada, Reno - Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies (CASAT) - Support for Nevada's State Opioid Response (SOR 3 NCE)**

The Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies (CASAT) manages ten Nevada SOR subawards, monitoring data compliance, and advancing harm reduction efforts across Nevada. CASAT ensures effective program implementation by providing technical assistance, overseeing financial accountability, and support for select Nevada SOR subrecipients in achieving program goals. The initiative focuses on accurate GPRA data collection and reporting, distributing opioid antagonists and harm reduction supplies

to high-risk areas, and training organizations to serve as distribution sites. Additionally, CASAT maintains the Nevada SOR website, updating critical resources like naloxone distribution and funding opportunities. By optimizing these operations, CASAT fosters accountability, enhances recovery support, and contributes to the reduction of opioid and stimulant-related overdoses statewide.

#### **University of Nevada, Reno - Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies (CASAT) - Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) Data Support (SOR 4)**

CASAT at the University of Nevada, Reno, is supporting the Nevada State Opioid Response (SOR) Program by ensuring accurate and timely collection, analysis, and reporting of Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) data. This initiative aims to enhance the effectiveness of treatment and recovery services while contributing to the reduction of opioid and stimulant-related overdoses in Nevada.

Key activities include ongoing monitoring of GPRA data, providing training and technical assistance (TA) to subrecipients, and ensuring proper tracking of GPRA-related incentives. CASAT will also notify the Bureau of Behavioral Health, Wellness, and Prevention (BBHWP) of any concerns related to data accuracy and timeliness.

Through structured data oversight and capacity-building efforts, this project strengthens Nevada's ability to track program outcomes and improve service delivery in alignment with SAMHSA requirements.

#### **University of Nevada, Reno - Nevada State Public Health Laboratory - Laboratory Infrastructure Enhancement for Overdose Prevention (SOR 3)**

The Nevada State Public Health Laboratory (NSPHL) is enhancing its laboratory infrastructure to support overdose prevention efforts. This initiative involves installing critical equipment to improve toxicology testing and drug surveillance capabilities, contributing to the state's ongoing response to opioid and stimulant-related overdoses.

Key activities include installing a 30-amp receptacle to support laboratory power requirements and procuring a Waters G3 Q-ToF Mass Analyzer power supply to enhance drug analysis capacity. These upgrades will strengthen NSPHL's ability to detect and monitor emerging drug threats, ultimately supporting evidence-based public health interventions.

#### **University of Nevada, Reno – Project ECHO for Opioid and Stimulant Use (SOR 4)**

The project, led by the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) in partnership with Northern Nevada HOPES, aims to enhance healthcare providers' capacity to address substance use disorders, particularly opioid and stimulant use disorders, through evidence-based practices. The project focuses on providing comprehensive training, education, and professional support to healthcare practitioners, mental health professionals, and related staff in Nevada.

Key components of the project include the implementation of the Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) model, with an emphasis on pain management best practices and non-pharmacologic treatments. Northern Nevada HOPES will conduct services related to Stimulant Use Disorder, including ECHO series sessions, case consultations, and the development of curricula on best practices for SBIRT implementation.

UNR will oversee the entire project, ensuring effective management, coordination, and alignment of Northern Nevada HOPES' activities with the overarching goals of the SOR program. This includes providing technical assistance, conducting regular progress reviews, and ensuring that all deliverables meet quality and timeline standards. By fostering collaboration, this project aims to improve early intervention, enhance healthcare professionals' skills, and increase access to treatment, ultimately reducing substance use-related harm across Nevada.

#### **University of Nevada, Reno – Safer Nights Project (SOR 4)**

The Safer Nights project is a statewide initiative in Nevada designed to promote safety and reduce harm within nightlife and community settings through a comprehensive, multi-faceted approach. At its core, the project focuses on raising awareness and engaging community stakeholders through a targeted social marketing campaign. This campaign aims to educate the public and at-risk populations about harm reduction practices, creating safer environments in nightlife venues and surrounding communities.

A key component of the project is the training of key partners, including nightlife venue staff, community organizations, and public safety professionals. These partners will be equipped with the knowledge and skills to identify at-risk individuals, provide appropriate referrals, and implement safety protocols that prevent substance misuse and related harm. By training these stakeholders, the project fosters a statewide network of informed professionals who are equipped to engage individuals in harm reduction efforts and create supportive environments.

Additionally, the project includes the recruitment and training of Community Health Workers (CHWs) to serve as Safer Nights Ambassadors. These CHWs will conduct outreach, distribute resources, and engage at-risk populations across the state. The project ultimately seeks to enhance community safety, reduce harm, and provide greater access to vital resources for individuals in Nevada's nightlife and community settings, building a robust and collaborative network to promote lasting change.

#### **University of Nevada, Reno - SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment) Project (SOR 4)**

The SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment) project, led by the University of Nevada, Reno as part of the State Opioid Response (SOR) Program, aims to enhance the capacity of healthcare providers across Nevada to implement SBIRT effectively. This project will provide training and technical assistance to healthcare organizations, focusing on primary care centers, emergency rooms, trauma centers, and community health settings. Through in-person and virtual trainings, as well as virtual consultant meetings, the project will equip healthcare professionals with the skills needed to conduct early screenings, provide brief interventions, and refer individuals to appropriate treatment for substance use disorders. By improving the integration of SBIRT

into healthcare workflows, the project strives to increase access to treatment, improve outcomes for individuals at risk, and reduce substance use-related harm across the state.

### **University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) School of Public Health – Community Drug Checking and Harm Reduction Initiative in Washoe County (SOR 4)**

The UNR School of Public Health is launching a drug checking initiative in Washoe County to reduce overdose risks and enhance harm reduction efforts. Through partnerships with community organizations and public health stakeholders, the program monitors the local drug supply and provides timely, actionable information to people who use drugs (PWUD) and the broader community.

The initiative establishes a drug checking program by training staff and partnering with syringe service programs to collect and analyze drug samples. Collaborating with entities like the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and the Washoe County Forensic Lab, the program tracks drug trends and shares findings with key stakeholders. A structured communication plan ensures results reach PWUD, healthcare providers, and community organizations through newsletters, reports, and online updates.

Program effectiveness is assessed by tracking samples tested, identifying adulterants, and evaluating overdose risk reduction. Coordination with public health authorities, including the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD), ensures alignment with community health priorities.

### **Unshakeable – Empower to Employ Project (SOR 4)**

The Empower to Employ Program by UNSHAKEABLE supports women recovering from trauma, including substance use disorders, by providing comprehensive career development and recovery support. The program includes the I AM Series, a two-day seminar fostering self-esteem and life skills; individual career coaching to overcome employment barriers and secure sustainable jobs; and access to the UNSHAKEABLE Business Alliance for mentorship and job placement. By addressing emotional and logistical barriers to employment, the program empowers participants to achieve financial

independence and long-term recovery stability. With SOR 4 funding, UNSHAKEABLE aims to expand services to an additional 50 women, offering tailored support to improve their recovery outcomes and workforce readiness.

### **Vegas Stronger: Comprehensive Care and Housing Support for Opioid and Stimulant Use Disorder Recovery (SOR 3 NCE)**

The Vegas Stronger initiative delivers comprehensive treatment and support services for individuals with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and Stimulant Use Disorder (StimUD) in Nevada. The program offers ASAM Level 2.1 Intensive Outpatient Treatment helping clients access necessary care and navigate insurance enrollment. Additionally, it secures transitional housing for nine clients annually at SAPTA-certified facilities, ensuring continuity of care through enrollment in ASAM-appropriate treatment services. By integrating intensive outpatient care, housing support, and robust data collection, Vegas Stronger strengthens recovery pathways and health outcomes for underserved populations.

### **Washoe County Sheriff's Office - Opioid Treatment Program (SOR 3 & SOR 4)**

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) provides comprehensive, evidence-based treatment for justice-involved individuals with opioid and alcohol use disorders. The program integrates Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), behavioral health services, harm reduction strategies, and discharge planning. Participants are supported with FDA-approved medications, group and individual counseling, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), and Motivational Interviewing (MI). The program addresses critical needs during incarceration, providing education, harm reduction tools, and transitional support for reentry into the community, aiming to reduce recidivism and improve health outcomes.

### **Westcare Nevada, Inc. - Transitional Housing and Comprehensive Support for Opioid and Stimulant Use Disorders (SOR 3 NCE)**

The WestCare Nevada, Inc. Transitional Housing and Comprehensive Support for Opioid and Stimulant Use Disorders Project focuses on addressing opioid and stimulant use disorders in Clark County, Nevada, through comprehensive transitional housing and support services. This initiative aims to serve 250 adults receiving Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) or treatments for amphetamine use and other stimulant disorders. Key objectives include providing housing assistance, psychosocial and recovery support services, and access to clinically appropriate interventions and peer support. Data collection and compliance with GPRA reporting are prioritized, with targets for timely intake, discharge, and follow-up interviews. The program incorporates evidence-based assessment tools like the ASAM, DSM-5 Cross-Cutting Measures, and PHQ-9 to ensure integrated and effective care. Staff will monitor progress through robust evaluation measures, aiming for outcomes such as reduced substance use and stable housing upon discharge. This project reinforces the commitment to improving lives through holistic, data-driven approaches.