Strategies for Successful Reintegration

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Learning Objectives

• Provide education of service options for the use of peers in treating consumers in the criminal justice system.

• Identify processes in place to establish and maintain relationships with the criminal justice system.

• Increase understanding of the impact of substance abuse on the number of individuals involved in the criminal justice system.
Peer Recovery and Criminal Justice

- Peer Recovery at Hamilton Center, Inc. started with the creation of sustainable relationships in criminal justice organizations
- Peers were introduced sharing background and experience with criminal justice leaders
- Criminal justice entities realized the importance in motivation to change through peer support and lived experience
• Hamilton Center began facilitating peer services in December 2016

• The use of peer recovery expanded in the organization for addiction services in outpatient and residential settings

• Community leaders from criminal justice organizations began requesting peer services

• Since the inception of peer services over 300 unique clients have engaged with a peer
Jail Pilot – How It Started

- Grant funded-Recovery Works
- Started in 2017 with three counties, Sullivan, Vigo, Vermillion
- Male and female facilitator with lived experience – Vermillion
Sullivan County Referrals

- 2019
- 2018
- 2017
- 2016

Court Referrals

0 10 20 30 40 50 60
Vigo County Referrals - Outpatient

Court Referrals

- 2019
- 2018
- 2017
- 2016
Court Referrals by Site

![Chart showing referrals by site from 2016 to 2019. The y-axis represents the number of referrals, ranging from 0 to 500. The x-axis represents the years 2016 to 2019. The chart includes data for Vigo Outpatient, Vigo Addictions, Vermillion, and Sullivan.]
Jail Pilot – Success

Communication

Follow Through

Follow Up
Drug Court

Members - Judge, Prosecutor, Drug Court Coordinator, Drug Court Case Manager(s), treatment providers, and defense attorneys, local law enforcement and sober-living coordinators.

Hamilton Center involvement includes a Therapist, Care Manager and Peer Recovery Specialist. Hamilton Center attends weekly staffing with Drug Court staff to discuss referrals into the program.
Drug Court Success

- Hamilton Center serves 54 of the 60 consumers in this problem-solving court.
- Peers assist with ensuring consumers are connected to recovery related resources and necessary support according to expectations of the court and treatment team.
- Peers continue with consumer engagement upon program completion.
The Jail Linkage Program (JLP) is designed to assist offenders identified with a substance use disorder to better understand and engage in the treatment process. Hamilton Center began service provision for JLP in 2000.

The program consists of six weeks of treatment and is a collaboration between Hamilton Center and the Vigo County Sheriff’s office.

There is a male and a female program.
Jail Linkage

- The male program utilizes a 14-bed pod within the jail.
- The female program is conducted on site at the jail; however, they do not utilize a pod to house those individuals.
- This program also operates as an alternative sentencing option for local courts and assists with jail overcrowding.
Jail Linkage – Success

• Hamilton Center involvement includes a Therapist, Care Manager and Peer Recovery Specialist
  • 64 referrals July 2019-March 2020
    • 16 refused evaluation
    • 4 waiting for evaluation
    • 21 evaluated and unable to start program due to reasons of release or behavior
    • 23 completed successfully

• Local judges have come to rely on the JLP as part of alternative sentencing
Transitional Living

• Oak Street, a nine-bed male facility, and Eagle Street, an nine-bed female facility, are owned and operated by Hamilton Center

• This is a 90-day minimum program consisting of highly structured SUD and Behavioral Health services

• Most of the referrals for Oak and Eagle are through the Criminal Justice system

• We receive referrals from all counties within the catchment area
Transitional Living – Success

- Oak and Eagle have an assigned peer for each house
- Peers engage consumers weekly in support services to assist with goals for recovery
- Peers continue engagement with consumers after program completion
Referral Process

• Hamilton Center established an e-mail-based referral system for all court and criminal justice referrals.

• E-mails are received by designated staff who forward to providers completing the assessments.

• E-mail referrals are submitted by local judges, attorneys, community corrections staff, and jail staff.
Collaboration

Hamilton Center staff have ongoing collaboration with members of the criminal justice programs by maintaining established routes of communication:

- Weekly staffing with Drug Court team
- Ongoing monthly meetings with local judges to address issues and concerns
- Collaborative process for completion of referrals and follow up on consumer needs
Questions?
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