

Resiliency Plan

Cabell County, WV

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When it comes to implementing solutions to address the addiction crisis, Huntington and Cabell County have rallied a collective rise to action from organizations and individuals throughout the community. Cabell County has built an extensive framework to support developing solutions for the multitude of problems resulting from the opioid crisis and larger substance use epidemic.

A community-wide effort, coordinated by the Department of Family & Community Health at Marshall University, resulted in a plan to promote resiliency in our community by sustaining existing short-term approaches and establishing the necessary long-term solutions to fully recover and prevent similar future crises. The centerpiece of this three-decade plan is the development of a proposed Addiction Sciences Institute as a focal point for community collaboration and integrated problem solving.

Short-Term Approaches

- Reduce immediate physical, behavioral and social needs of infants and children affected
- Provide evidence-based substance use education
- Reduce barriers to treatment and recovery services, including transportation and child care
- Sustain comprehensive harm reduction services
- Expand outpatient and inpatient/residential capacity for SUD treatment
- Coordinate reintegration strategies and legal supports
- Expand access to mental health services
- Provide intensive wraparound social supports
- Establish a more comprehensive system for safe, supportive housing

Long-Term Approaches

- Develop protocols and resources for comprehensive care for infants and children affected
- Expand prevention and early intervention efforts
- Build capacity for research and dissemination of best practices
- Coordinate efforts between legal/judicial and health care systems to reduce substance use
- Establish framework for revitalizing business/employment opportunities
- Increase capacity for education and vocational preparation
- Expand and sustain current programs/initiatives successfully addressing substance use
- Expand services to address multi-generational effects of SUD

Contributing Organizations

Cabell County Commission
Cabell County EMS
Cabell-Huntington Health Department
Cabell-Huntington-Wayne Continuum of Care
City of Huntington
FaithHealth Appalachia
Huntington Regional Chamber of Commerce
Lily's Place

Marshall Health
Marshall University

- Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine
- Research Corporation
- School of Pharmacy

Mountain Health Network

- Cabell Huntington Hospital
- St. Mary's Medical Center

Prestera Center
PROACT
Valley Health Systems, Inc.
United Way of the River Cities

- Prevention Empowerment Partnership

West Virginia DHHR Office of Drug Control Policy

