

ROSC

Chestnut Health Systems received a Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) grant in 2018 from the Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery. The grant will be used to continue to support ROSC Councils and coordinated networks of community-based services to help people achieve abstinence and improve health, wellness and quality of life for people with, or at risk of, developing alcohol or drug problems.

ROSC is a coordinated network of community-based services and supports that is person-centered and builds on the strengths and resiliencies of individuals, families, and communities to achieve recovery and improved health, wellness, and quality of life for those with or at risk of substance use disorders. The goals of the Illinois ROSC include:

- Building a culture that builds and nurtures recovery in the community upon leaving a treatment facility
- Building capacity and infrastructure to support a community-based recovery-oriented system of care
- Developing commitment to implement and sustain a community-based recovery-oriented system of care

ROSC Community Partners:

- Bloomington-Normal Libraries
- Bloomington Police Department
- Bridgeway
- Carle - Champaign
- Center for Human Services
- Chestnut Family Health Center
- Children's Home + Aid
- City of Bloomington -Township
- Community Healthcare Clinic
- Gateway Foundation
- ISU
- Heartland College
- Heartland Alliance/Safer Foundation
- Illinois Department of Mental Health
- Integrity Counseling
- Joy Care Center/Jobs Partnership
- Labyrinth House
- LifeCil
- McLean County Health Department
- NAMI
- NAACP
- OMNI Youth
- Oxford House
- PATH

- Prairie Pride Coalition
- Prairie State Legal Services
- TASC
- YWCA

ROSC Concentrated Efforts

The ROSC completed a community needs assessment in 2018-2019 and serves as the vertebrae to the Strategic Plan. The strategic plan is reviewed and renovated each fiscal year July 1-June 30 XX. To implement concentrated efforts, the following workgroups were launched:

- Behavioral Health workgroup (stigma eradication and mental health focus)
- Sober Recreation
- Sober Living
- Spirituality
- Diversity in Recovery

ROSC Initiatives

There are multiple pathways to recovery when acclimating back to the community upon leaving a treatment facility. People recover in their communities and need access to healthy, stable human connection and to support and sustain their chosen recovery path.

- ROSC Community Support Groups – SMART, BRIDGES, LGBTQ+
- Heartland College financial partnership for CPRS certification
- Chestnut Credit Counseling Financial Planning
- Fundraising events for sober living
- Creative expression – open mic and paint nights
- Multiple pathways to spirituality – recorded discussion forum
- Racial Diversity in Recovery – recorded discussion forum
- YouTube psychoeducation
- Facebook advertisements of community activities and events –
- *Faces and Voices* statewide stigma reduction campaign
- Stigma reduction webinars addressing IPV, Child Abuse, Relationships & Recovery
- Co-launched Reentry Council

Reentry

Labyrinth House, ROSC, TASC, and Dr. Beichner from ISU's Department of Criminal Justice partnered to launch a McLean County Reentry Council in March 2021. The Reentry Council is a coordinated community response to address prisoner reentry and recidivism. The council is comprised of justice-involved individuals, criminal justice officials, health, and human service providers who will work together to reduce recidivism in McLean County. One of the goals of the council is to support individuals and their families who have been impacted by detention and incarceration. The council will meet quarterly and track recidivism and reentry services across the county.

This appears to have some overlap with the McLean County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) which is overseen by the Chief Judge, possibly an instance where lack of knowledge or communication

of and with other groups in the community to best utilize and coordinate with resources that already exist. CJCC fosters collaboration and communication between criminal justice agencies and partners who educate, inform, and explore best practices together to continually improve the administration of justice. Their charge is to provide fair and just outcomes, improve public safety, reduce recidivism, and responsibly use resources for the benefit of McLean County residents. CJCC has long contracted with ISU's Stevenson Center for analysis of McLean County justice data along with partnering with the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) and Loyola University for data analysis.

A potential need that has been discussed by the Reentry Council is a transition center. Of the 1,599 people convicted of a felony under the custody of the justice system (including probation, prison and MSR) from McLean County at the end of SFY 2019,¹ 701 (44%) were in prison, 271 (17%) of them were being supervised by IDOC parole agents in McLean County, 627 (39%) were on probation supervision. Further research utilizing data to determine the mental health and substance abuse needs should occur to evaluate what a transition center would look like for McLean County. With the pandemic affecting how MCDF, IDOC accepted and released individuals beginning in March 2020, along with recently passed legislation, the data for SFY20 and SFY21 may be able provide more information as to the need.

¹ CENTER FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESEARCH, POLICY AND PRACTICE McLean County Trends & Issues Report January 2021