

Greene & Scott County R.O.S.C.

# Recovery Council

GSRC Strategic Plan
July 2025-June 2030

#### **ROSC Coordinator Summary**

Greene and Scott Counties ROSC (GSCR) was established following a community needs assessment to support, facilitate, and advocate for renewal and restoration of health and wellness for communities, families, and individuals who are seeking and living in recovery.

GSCR seeks to (1) reduce stigma and increase engagement among community members, (2) improve awareness of substance use and mental health through education and outreach, (3) facilitate cooperation across sectors, perspectives, and lived experiences, (4) increase access to multiple recovery support options and timely, and (5) increase the number of people pursuing and maintaining recovery.

Over the last severl years, there has been significant growth in action, support, and collaboration that could not have been achieved without the support, development, and mentorship provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and its partnering organizations. Over the next five years, from 2026 to 2031, sustainable planning will be key to the development and maintenance of program activities, ensuring a strong and active GSCR core council team and providing functional support for a Recovery Community Center. Through a needs assessment, it is clear that support and infrastructure are necessary for this community to facilitate recovery. 47.8% indicated that the lack of support or resources was the most significant contributing factor. Other factors included mental health challenges, generational learning, lack of family support, and financial resources. 84.5% of key informants who identify with having lived experience identified stigma and education as a community challenge as they have been victims of discrimination and/or harassment.

During the GSCR needs assessment, the team conducted a total of 115 key informant interviews, with 98 individuals participating in surveys in preparation for the 5-year strategic plan. These interactions focused on individuals with lived experience, as well as law enforcement, faith-based organizations, educators, treatment professionals, judicial representatives (including judges and probation officers), and other community stakeholders. Additionally, the department conducted a thorough analysis of collective community needs assessments from across the region. Of the informant interviews conducted by the Council, 100% reported substance use, and 97% said that mental health is an issue in our community, which includes communities throughout the region. Local law enforcement collectively identified psychostimulant events area sharply rising within the region, and syndromic surveillance confirms this increase.

Throughout 2023-2025, the GSRC met monthly with participants, which included people with lived experience in mental health or substance use as well as community partners who met to review the work of our council and strategized on efforts taken thus far. A separate committee was established that was made up entirely of people with lived experience with mental health and/or substance use and justice-involved individuals. Our assessment of the needs within our community did not just stop in year one or year two, these discussions took place on a routine

basis as the council continued evaluating the ever-changing needs and dynamics within our community.

In the last half of 2025, we had a change in ROSC Coordinator, therefore a shift in responsibilities created the need to go onboard and bring up-to-date the process, procedures, and focus of ROSC meetings. As the new leadership worked to maintain ROSC presence in our communities, meetings continued, and strategic plans were reviewed. The discussion goals were identified to prioritize increasing the council's engagement while also creating new focus areas for a better understanding of the ROSC roles. The council remains strong and is working towards a clear understanding of their roles and how to engage stakeholders. Although some direct participation in meetings has decreased, community partners continue to be deeply and meaningfully engaged outside of meetings. In the upcoming year, the council plans to focus intentionally on addressing the identified needs outlined in the completed needs assessment, including transportation, stigma reduction, housing access, prevention and education, and collaboration with the criminal justice population and peer workforce.

In 2026, we will continue to focus our energy on engaging more PLEs and stakeholders attending meetings and accessing resources. [1] Due to the increased incidence of mental health issues among youth in our community and risks posed by fentanyl-laced fake pills, our council is interested in expanding youth prevention and education efforts, including their caregivers. [2] The peer workforce has steadily increased since the onset of our ROSC efforts. Recover Corps has made an impact on the peer workforce through the ROSC partnership with the Greene County Health Department. Gateway has started a re-employment program and hired a coordinator to assist PLEs with workplace skills and workplace placement. Due to the positive experiences with these and other programs, the council would like to investigate new opportunities for expansion. [3] During 2025, GSRC connected with TASC and Circle of Care in an effort to bring law enforcement to the table to gain a better understanding of how they can engage with individuals experiencing addiction and recovery in a supportive manner. In addition, the council recognizes that first responders have limited resources and training on how to assist with the needs of the same individuals that we are trying to support. We currently work with the county jail and probation office and want to continue with that work and expand programs.

The following goals and objectives are set based on our needs assessment, community outreach, and meeting discussion of identified gaps/barriers in our communities to be addressed by this strategic plan to support long-term recovery.

#### **Overview of GSRC**

The Greene & Scott County Recovery Council (GSRC) will work to build and maintain a thriving coordinated network of community-based services and supports (or infrastructure) that are person-centered. GSRC works as an advocate because people can and do recover in our community and recovery is a community responsibility and value.

#### **GSRC Mission:**

Empowering and improving connections to ourselves, our families, and our communities within the Greene and Scott County areas to improve recovery outcomes, reduce stigma and educate our community, therefore, improving health, wellness, and the quality of life for all.

#### **GSRC Vision:**

To build a thriving recovery system within Greene and Scott County that will reduce the risk of substance use and mental health challenges to improve recovery outcomes for all.

# **Strategy Timeline:**

Each objective and strategy outlined in this plan will be targeted for completion by the end of the FY, as noted. The fiscal year will be determined in collaboration with the Illinois Department of Human Services SUPR Division, currently running July 1-June 30. Although the ROSC grant received started in 2022, we will establish another five-year plan set starting from July 2025 FY2026 as year 1 in this strategic plan. We have also identified four priority areas based on our community needs assessment in which we will focus on goals and objectives.

**Priority 1: Maintenance of Council Engagement** 

**Priority 2: Council Housing Initiative** 

**Priority 3: Transportation Initiative Plan** 

**Priority 4: Stigma Reduction** 

**Priority 5: Promote and Support Peer Workforce** 

**Priority 6: Increase Prevention Efforts** 

**Priority 7: Working With Criminal Justice Populations** 

#### PRIORITY 1: INCREASING ENGAGEMENT IN GSRC

- Challenge: Increasing quantitative and qualitative growth within our council
- **Short/Mid-Term Objective:** Strengthen membership by engaging community sectors that are currently underrepresented in our meetings.
- **Long-Term Objective:** Improve overall productivity and participation within the ROSC consortium, ensuring it functions as an active and results-driven committee.

# Goals & Strategies for Increasing Engagement in Our ROSC Council

# **YEAR 1- (July 2025 - June 2026)**

Goal 1: By December 2026, achieve comprehensive community representation by ensuring that at least one active member from each sector participates in at least one meeting per quarter.

**Strategy**: Find creative strategies to engage our committee and conduct one-on-one engagement of PLE's and stakeholders to identify their needs to improve engagement

- Qualitative
  - Outcome measure: consistent presence from our members, having them report back at the next meeting on the work they have done over the month in alignment with our strategic plan, and establish a planning committee to help us engage others to ensure members attend one meeting per quarter and each sectors representation is maintained.
- Quantitative
  - Outcome Measure: Attendance taken/Sign in Sheets
- Identify and invite key stakeholders from all community sectors.
- Leverage existing members to assist in outreach efforts.
- Identify connection events, number of Facebook viewers, likes on Facebook

Goal 2: By June 2026, enhance council engagement and actionability by providing a direct list of concrete supports, resources, projects, or events the council members will support.

**Strategy:** *Implement innovative methods to foster engagement and encourage active participation.* 

#### **Qualitative Outcome Measures:**

- Consistent member attendance and participation.
- Members provide updates at each meeting on progress made in alignment with the strategic plan.
- Expand the planning committee with members committed to engagement and hands-on involvement.

# **Quantitative Outcome Measures:**

- Attendance records and sign-in sheets to track participation.
- A documented list of ways a member can contribute, providing options for them to access and participate.

# **Creative Engagement Initiatives:**

- Develop interactive activities that each council member will lead in planning, such as games nights, coffee talks, and movie nights, projects, or events.
- Utilize Facebook Live for live Q&A sessions featuring local services, resources, and facilities to increase community reach as a way to engage others to participate.

#### **Outcome Measures:**

- Number of "Recovery Coffee Talks" or other events held.
- Number of council member-led events or projects.
- Engagement metrics, including Facebook page views and likes on the Greene and Scott Recovery Council Facebook page.

# **YEAR 2-3 (July 2026-June 2028)**

Goal 3: By January 2027, expand community engagement and strategic participation not only to increase meeting attendance but also to actively engage community members with relevant expertise, interest, and influence, helping individuals advance our strategic plan and drive meaningful progress within the community.

Goal 4: By June 2027, the council will establish bylaws that help guide action steps and member participation, including officers, terms, and limits.

- Develop targeted outreach materials to clearly communicate the purpose of ROSC and the importance of stakeholder involvement.
- Promote meetings through various media channels, including newspapers, social media, and radio.
- Distribute Outreach Packets to prospective members to increase awareness and encourage participation.
- Implement a member retention plan to sustain engagement and long-term commitment.
- Encourage member recruitment through a quarterly "Bring a Friend" challenge.
- Enhance social media engagement by growing our existing ROSC Facebook page and exploring additional platforms to reach a wider audience in Greene/Scott County.
- Incorporate guest speakers at monthly meetings to deliver short, relevant messages on topics such as substance use disorder, mental health, and stigma reduction.

• Engage government officials by attending community meetings and securing time on the agenda to present a brief (three-minute) overview of our program and the need for broader community involvement and awareness.

#### **Outcome Measures:**

- Outcome Measure: Media placements (newspaper and social media clippings, request letters/emails sent to media).
- Outcome Measure: Number of packets distributed monthly.
- Outcome Measure: Completion date of the retention plan.
- Outcome Measure: Attendance records and sign-in sheets.
- Outcome Measure: Social media analytics, including site traffic, comments, and local community follows.
- Outcome Measure: Meeting agendas and minutes.

# **YEAR 4 (July 2028- June 2029)**

Goal 5: By July 2028, Council will continue to increase membership and maintain at least average attendance per monthly meeting is maintained at 10 participants per meeting.

# **Strategy:**

- Identify key stakeholders and determine which should review the strategic plan.
- Invite speakers to monthly meetings to deliver concise, relevant messages that engage members and enhance knowledge of substance use disorders, mental health challenges, and stigma reduction.
- Strengthen engagement with government officials by attending County Board Meetings and other community meetings to share developments, projects, and listening sessions to prep upcoming strategic plans.

#### **Outcome Measures:**

- Agendas and minutes from Council meetings.
- Number of community meeting presentations

#### **YEAR 5 (July 2029- June 2030)**

Goal 6: By December 2028, the Council will assess participation through evaluation and needs assessment to establish goals and objectives for the next strategic plan.

# **Strategy:**

• Review data and key metrics related to change

#### **Outcome Measures:**

- Needs assessment complete
- Updated strategic plan was established and submitted following a comprehensive evaluation and analysis.

#### PRIORITY 2: COUNCIL HOUSING INITIATIVE

- Challenge: There is no transitional housing available within Greene and Scott Counties.
- **Short/Mid-Term Goal:** To build a Council to investigate the why's of lack of housing.
- Long-Term Goal: Improve access to housing for Greene and Scott County residents in recovery.

# Objective: Assess Recovery Housing Options for Greene and Scott Counties

- Develop additional support systems for people in recovery and their families.
- Collaborate with local agencies and organizations to evaluate the need for safe and sober living options within the community.
- Identify existing recovery homes in surrounding counties and explore potential partnership opportunities.
- Engage with landlords in Greene and Scott Counties to discuss opportunities for establishing safe and sober housing for individuals and families.
- Support Community Resource Agencies in the development of safe and sober living resource guides.

# Goals & Strategies for Council Housing Initiative Action Plan

## **YEAR 1- (July 2025 - June 2026)**

Goal 1. By June 2026, Council members will develop and maintain a living document of landlords in Greene and Scott Counties who are open to renting to individuals in recovery or those with felony backgrounds, expanding the resource list of housing opportunities for individuals in recovery and those with criminal backgrounds in Greene and Scott Counties.

## **Strategy:**

• A designated Council member will obtain current landlord listings and reach out to determine their willingness to rent to individuals in recovery or with felony backgrounds.

#### **Outcome Measure:**

• Develop and sustain an updated list of recovery-friendly and felony-friendly landlords to be utilized by the Council as a resource.

Goal 2. By June 2026, compile a resource list to help individuals obtain essential documents required for housing applications (e.g., ID, driver's license, proof of address, Social Security card).

# **Strategy:**

• Develop a living document and action plan to connect individuals with necessary resources.

#### Outcome Measure:

• Completed resource list shared with the Council.

# **YEAR 2 (July 2026-June 2027)**

Goal 3. By July 2026, gather information from Housing Authorities, CEFS, and Illinois Valley regarding HUD programs and eligibility requirements for individuals with a criminal background or in recovery.

# **Strategy:**

• Engage with these agencies to explore available housing assistance options.

#### **Outcome Measure:**

- Number of meetings documented.
- Meeting minutes where information is shared

# **YEAR 3 (July 2027-June 2028)**

Goal 4. By July 2027, a Council Member will contact the Oxford House organization to explore the process of establishing an Oxford House in Greene and Scott Counties.

#### **Strategy:**

• Request an Oxford House representative to speak at a Council meeting.

# **Outcome Measure:**

- Documentation in meeting agendas/minutes.
- Collaborate with the Fletcher Group and local government officials to identify feasible housing solutions.

#### **YEAR 4 (July 2028-June 2029)**

Goal 5. By December 2028, establish or actively participate in a housing committee.

#### **Strategy:**

• Collaborate with local and established organizations to review best practices among representatives, organizations, and agencies and develop a plan to expand housing access.

#### **Outcome Measure:**

• Written strategy plan to improve housing access for sober living and recovery networks.

# **YEAR 5 (July 2029-June 2030)**

Goal 5. By July 2029, the council will address the housing disparity through support, awareness campaigns, resources, and stigma reduction by attending at least 15 community meetings and, as needed, advocating for the established housing plan.

# **Strategy:**

• Support housing plan through advocacy and stigma reduction campaign.

#### **Outcome Measure:**

- Meetings with community organizations
- One-on-one meetings with partners.

#### PRIORITY 3: TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVE PLAN

- **Challenge:** There is a lack of affordable and reliable public transportation in Greene and Scott Counties, particularly outside traditional business hours.
- **Short/Mid-Term Goal:** Collaborate to develop strategies for providing transportation for individuals facing mental health or substance-related challenges.
- **Long-Term Goal:** Improve the transportation infrastructure for individuals with behavioral health issues in Greene and Scott Counties.

# Goals & Strategies for Transportation Initiative Plan

# **YEAR 1- (July 2025 - June 2026)**

Goal 1: By December 2026, a Council member will compile a comprehensive list of existing transportation options within Greene and Scott Counties, including schedules, costs, and contact information.

#### **Strategy:**

• Contact regional transportation providers.

• Central Illinois Public Transportation and other local transit agencies, to gather information on services, schedules, and barriers.

# **Outcome Measure:**

• Meeting notes, schedules, promotional materials, and contact information were collected from agencies. Information will be shared on GSRC's page and social media platforms.

Goal 2: By July 2026, Council members will engage faith community partners to address transportation needs for people legally involved (PLEs) and individuals with substance use disorders (SUD), including for medical, court, and counseling appointments.

#### **Strategy:**

- Meet with Greene and Scott County Ministerial Alliances to discuss opportunities for churches to provide transportation services.
- Establish contact protocols and processes

#### **Outcome Measure**:

• Commitment from churches to offer transportation services, including:

# **YEAR 2-3 (July 2026-June 2028)**

Goal 3. By December 2026, Council members will maintain a list of active churches engaged in transportation efforts to support PLEs.

# Strategy:

- *Committed churches actively offering transportation services.*
- Ongoing connections and support development

#### Outcome Measurement:

- One church to provide transportation to in-patient treatment and medical appointments.
- Two churches provide in-county transportation to recovery groups.
- One church to offer transportation to court appointments.
- List of transportation options provided by churches shared on church websites, and GSRC's social media.

Goal 4. By June 2027, complete a comprehensive review and assessment of quality and process improvements, including the implementation of evaluation surveys for participants in the program.

#### Strategy:

• Established a simple feedback loop of satisfaction to drive participation and needed support.

#### **Outcome Measurement:**

• Satisfaction survey development, data collection, and improvement.

# **YEAR 4-5 (July 2028-June 2030)**

Goal 4: By July 2028, reduce transportation barriers for PLE participants from 13% with barriers to 5% by improving knowledge transportation processes and resource connections.

# Strategy:

• Develop resource supports, awareness, tools, and connections with clergy and other members of the community to improve transportation.

#### **Outcome Measurement:**

• Needs assessment data reduction of those who do not know how to access transportation and those indicating barriers.

Goal 5: Review and reassess the strategic plan through community needs assessment.

#### Strategy:

• Conduct surveys, focus groups, and data collection on current needs

#### **Outcome Measurement:**

• Completed community needs assessment

#### PRIORITY 4: STIGMA REDUCTION

- Challenge: There is a need to reduce stigma associated with substance use disorder, recovery, mental health challenges, and prevention education in Greene and Scott Counties.
- **Short/Mid-Term Goal:** Develop and implement strategies to reduce stigma in Greene and Scott Counties.
- **Long-Term Goal:** Decrease stigma and increase the likelihood of individuals seeking care for behavioral health and substance use concerns.

# Goals & Strategies for Council Initiatives for Substance Use Disorder Education and Resource Distribution

# Objective: Implement Information Campaigns to Reduce Stigma and Provide Support

- Distribute state and national awareness campaigns on substance use disorder annually.
- Organize and promote local resource information campaigns.
- Participate in community health and wellness fairs to provide educational resources and support.
- Distribute ROSC information brochures, including Greene/Sott County ROSC membership details.

# **Objective: Expand Community Education to Reduce Stigma**

- Developing a curriculum for stigma in youth, adults, and community.
- Establish working agreements with organizations that host scheduled education sessions, including legal entities, community resource agencies, and other departments.
- Update and maintain local resource guides for county-wide distribution.

# **Objective: Enhance Naloxone Training and Distribution**

- Assess gaps in Naloxone education and distribution within the community.
- Develop a training schedule that aligns with the services provided by the Greene and Scott County Health Departments.
- Conduct training at locations frequented by high-risk individuals.

# Objective: Provide Targeted Education for Families, Parents, and Children

- Partner with the Illinois Family Resource Center to offer educational resources for families supporting loved ones with substance use disorders.
- Deliver substance use disorder education to schools in both counties.
- Find someone to facilitate community-based recovery education sessions focused on parenting and family support.

#### ONGOING- JULY 2025- YEAR 5 JUNE 2030

# Goal 1. Ongoing maintenance of a monthly special event schedule for PLE participants and families.

#### Strategy:

• Continue as currently developed, evaluate and assess ongoing.

#### **Outcome measure:**

- Number of events
- Number of participants

# Goal 2. Ongoing maintenance of Naloxone distribution of at least 30 kits per year.

# Strategy:

• Continue as currently developed, evaluate and assess ongoing.

#### Outcome measure:

- Number of naloxone kits dispensed
- Number of presentations and events
- Number of participants

# Goal 3: Review and reassess the strategic plan through community needs assessment.

#### Strategy:

• Conduct surveys, focus groups, and data collection on current needs

#### **Outcome Measurement:**

• Completed community needs assessment

# **Stigma Reduction Events Initiative**

# **YEAR 1- (July 2025 - June 2026)**

Goal 4: By July 2026, the Council will explore the development of two stigma reduction campaigns utilizing billboards, signage, newspaper advertisements, and radio promotions across multiple communities in Greene and Scott Counties.

# **Strategy:**

• Campaign Design: Council members will design visuals and messaging for billboard and roadside sign campaigns.

# **Outcome Measure**:

- Billboards and signs will be displayed across the region.
- Community Engagement & Media Outreach: Council members will collaborate with local newspapers to feature spotlight interviews or a series highlighting individuals in recovery. Additionally, social media platforms will be utilized to publish these stories.
- Articles and interviews will be published, with documentation included in meeting minutes.

Goal 5. By July 2026, the Council will assist in recommending Greene County clinic and hospital staff to conduct training related to medicated assisted treatment to increase the number of staff who have completed 5 for 5 training from 0% to 50% of staff completed.

#### **Outcome Measure:**

- 50% of staff have completed 5 for 5 training. (9 GCHD, 45 Boyd Hospital)
- Number of additional participants noted completion from Law Enforcement, probation, drug court, other clinics

# **YEAR 2 (July 2026-June 2027)**

Goal 6: By July 2026, the Council will organize two stigma reduction large-scale events in Greene and Scott Counties to promote awareness and support for recovery utilizing various planning to include music, speakers, resource fair, etc.

#### Strategy:

- Recovery Awareness Event: Council members will coordinate and lead a September Recovery Awareness Event to engage the community and promote understanding of recovery.
- Recovery-Friendly Community Events: Council members will plan and host (how many per year) inclusive, recovery-friendly events featuring activities that foster engagement and support.
- Resource Fair on Recovery Services: Council members will organize a resource fair focused on recovery services and support, providing education and access to community resources.

#### **Outcome Measure:**

- Events will be successfully executed, attended, and documented in meeting minutes.
- Number of participants

# **YEAR 3 (July 2027-June 2028)**

Goal 7: By June 2027, the Council will coordinate student-led peer recovery networks, councils, or support within each school district.

- Develop peer leadership networking, prevention efforts offering support for students.
- Develop a plan for monthly meetings and a curriculum of support processes to improve connections with youth.

#### **Outcome Measure:**

- Number of student peer leaders.
- Number of participants
- Number of monthly support group meetings

# **YEAR 4 (July 2028-June 2029)**

Goal 8. By July 2028, the Council will assist in recommending Greene County clinic and hospital staff to conduct training related to medicated assisted treatment to increase the number of staff who have completed 5 for 5 training from 50% to 100% of staff completed.

# Strategy:

• Implement onboarding training processes that include stigma reduction training.

#### **Outcome Measure:**

- 100% of staff have completed 5 for 5 training- Training is now part of onboarding
- Number of additional participants noted completion from Law Enforcement, probation, drug court, other clinics

Goal 9. By June 2029, the Council will draft zero-tolerance stigma policies related to mental health and substance use to be considered and adopted at Greene and Scott County local businesses, county offices, and school districts.

#### Strategy:

• Develop a best practice policy draft that can easily be adopted into standard policies and procedures.

#### **Outcome Measure:**

• Number of business Greene and Scott County who have review policy

# **YEAR 5 (July 2029-June 2030)**

Goal 10. By July 2029, the Council will expand student-led peer recovery networks, councils, or support within each school district with a sustainability plan development.

- Develop a sustainability plan for peer leadership networking, prevention efforts
- *Develop a plan for monthly meetings*
- *Leadership training*

• Curriculum processes in place

#### **Outcome Measure:**

• Sustainability plan developed

Goal 11. By June 2029, the Council will promote and ensure that 20% of known organizations throughout Greene and Scott County have implemented zero-tolerance stigma policies related to mental health and substance use to be considered and adopted at Greene and Scott County local businesses, county offices, and school districts.

# Strategy:

• Promote policy that can easily be adopted into standard policies and procedures.

#### **Outcome Measure:**

- Number of business Greene and Scott County who have review policy
- Number of businesses in Greene and Scott County who have adopted the policy.

#### PRIORITY 5: PROMOTE AND SUPPORT A PEER WORKFORCE

- **Challenge:** We are not able to retain qualified behavioral health professionals and peer support paraprofessionals to respond to community needs.
- **Short/Middle Term Goal**: develop strategies to address workforce or professional needs, advocacy at state levels for policy or support
- Long Term Goal: To increase workforce

# **YEAR 1- (July 2025 - June 2026)**

Goal 1. By July 2026, the ROSC will engage and train more peers to become peer-certified recovery coaches

#### **Strategy:**

- Council will continue to build PLE involvement, especially through the PLE workgroup
- Council will help peers connect with Recovery Corps by providing guidance and resources

#### **Outcome Measure:**

• Number of council members that are peer-certified in recovery coach CRSS/CPRS

Goal 2: By July 2026, GSRC will develop strategies to build a stronger behavioral health workforce

#### **Strategy:**

• The council work explores strategies to work with higher-education programs offering Mental Health training and certifications and identify

#### **Outcome Measure:**

- Meeting Minutes and discussion related to programs in higher education
- Number developed opportunities related

# **YEAR 2-5 (July 2026-June 2030)**

Goal 3: By July 2030, GSRC will engage PLEs to become peer-certified recovery coaches as a part of council processes and onboarding.

# **Strategy:**

• GSRC will continue to build PLE involvement and assess needs

#### **Outcome Measure:**

- Meeting Minutes and discussion related to training opportunities
- Number of council members maintaining CRSS/CPRS

#### PRIORITY 6: INCREASE PREVENTION EFFORTS

- Challenge: Persons, especially youths, in our community are experiencing higher rates of mental health issues and are at a higher risk because of the availability of fentanyl-laced fake pills
- Short/Middle Term Goal: To increase prevention efforts
- Long Term Goal: To reduce the incidence of psychiatric disorders among youth, suicidality, and substance use/misuse.

# Ongoing- (July 2025 - June 2030) – See stigma reduction priority

Goal 1. Continue to build relationships with local school districts by supporting youth prevention efforts already in place

- Meet with school guidance counselors and learn what is currently being offered
- Explore other youth prevention programs in neighboring counties to learn what is working and build partnerships
- Identify different age-appropriate curriculums and share with local districts

• Share with school districts the possibility of establishing a Youth Prevention Advisory Committee

# Goal 2: By July 2026, we will increase ROSC members' understanding of prevention and begin planning efforts

# **Strategy:**

- Create and disseminate Outreach Packets about our Council to prospective members who have an interest in youth and substance treatment prevention
- Launch additional social media sites to better engage youth
- Have speakers at monthly meetings to engage members and increase knowledge of existing risks for substance use among youth, prevention efforts, and strategies.
- Work with ROSC committee to develop prevention campaigns and events in the community.

#### PRIORITY 7: WORKING WITH CRIMINAL JUSTICE POPULATIONS

- Challenge: Many people with substance use issues in our community also interact with the criminal justice system
- **Short/Middle Term Goal**: To work together to determine strategies for better coordination with criminal justice populations/systems
- Long Term Goal: To reduce crime and substance misuse/dependence

# **Ongoing-** (July 2025 - June 2030)

Goal 1. By July 2026, the GSRC will continue to engage more criminal justice partners in the council

# **Strategy:**

- Council members will engage law enforcement and get their perspective to find better ways to work with them by building rapport, connections, and sharing improvement data
- Council members will continue engagement with leadership at Greene and Scott County jails to determine ways to coordinate better and work together.

#### **Outcome Measure:**

• Number of criminal justice partners participating in council meetings.