

Ogle/DeKalb County ROSC Council Impact Report FY25

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The Lee/Whiteside ROSC Council sought several outcomes for the FY25 term. According to our Strategic Plan, we wanted to:

- 1) Consolidate the 2 ROSC Councils into 1
- 2) Launch a Collegiate Recovery Community at Northern Illinois University
- 3) Create a Recovery Farm
- 4) Youth Recovery Education and Engagement
- 5) Assist in bringing more Treatment/Detox and MAR opportunities to the 4 counties

These goals align with Statewide ROSC Targets of Stigma Reduction, Increasing awareness of available recovery resources and Increasing Recovery Home options. In addition, we addressed transportation issues for treatment and recovery services.

Our greatest successes were gaining community support for a new sober living home in Ogle County, an increase in referral numbers and sources for treatment/recovery resource escalation and an increase in the number of transportation requests from peers for treatment and other reasons.

The Ogle/DeKalb ROSC Council held fairly steady in the number of active members this year but the members. Our membership represented people with lived experience, family members, treatment organizations, local businesses, criminal justice reps, and hospitals.

Our primary population focus for FY25 was youth, unhoused individuals and people from rural communities. We spent a considerable amount of time working with people in DeKalb and Rochelle shelters.

Overall, the ROSC Council has helped to bring awareness to recovery in our counties. Due to our involvement in the community, when a nursing home was offered for donation to the City of Rochelle, Mayor John Bearrows suggested SVVOR as a possible recipient. He was aware that we were looking to establish a sober living home. Unfortunately that parcel did not go to us but the same donor gifted a building in Rock Falls, IL to us. That building is worth \$1,000,000 and is presently operating as our 42-bed women's sober living home.