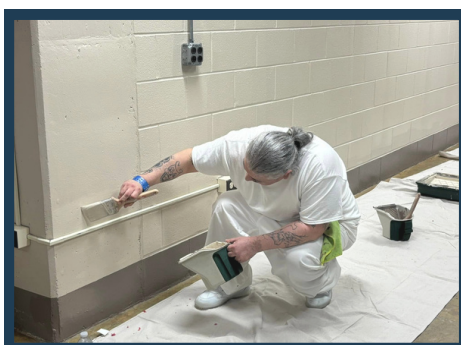


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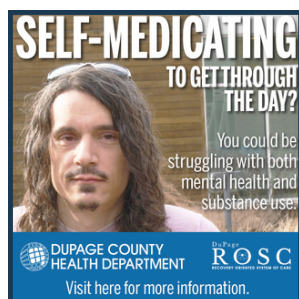
Our priority areas for 2025: Justice-Involved Recovery, Harm Reduction, Stigma Reduction



Our work with justice-involved recovery led to the expansion of peer-led recovery groups inside DuPage County jail (Re-Entry For Criminal and Addictive Thinking, Grief and Loss, SMART Recovery, Heroin Anonymous) and we gained the support of the jail in facilitating an annual workforce development project (industrial painting and drywall). Also, this year we were invited to implement our recovery classes inside neighboring Kane County jail, specifically for the men and women outside of the recovery pods.



Our work with harm reduction in collaboration with the DuPage Narcan Program resulted in six new sites throughout the county that are hosting Narcan wall-boxes that have distributed 3,552 doses of Narcan in FY25. We prioritized areas of need/inequity: libraries (Wheaton, Villa Park, Itasca) to reach unhoused folks, social services that primarily serve Hispanic population (Outreach House), and LGBTQIA++ (360 Youth Services LGBTQIA++ shelter).



Co-Occurring Stigma Reduction: Worked with DuPage Health Department to create a stigma-reduction campaign around Co-Occurring Mental Health Challenges, including messaging, and the campaign ads feature DuPage ROSC members with lived experience.

“What your stigma campaign will do is open the eyes of the public to understand and hold space for those who are in this position so that they can get the support they need. Hoping this begins a movement that spreads to how we approach youth.” -Janyce Hamilton, High School Coordinator at 360 Youth Services

“In a few short years, the DuPage ROSC has established itself as an indispensable network and source for collaboration to help everyone in our communities struggling with SUD. There is no agency, organization, or resource in our county that I rely on more heavily than the DuPage ROSC.” - Scott Kaufmann, Community Initiatives Coordinator, DuPage Health Department

“The DuPage ROSC consistently fosters a strong sense of community among partner organizations and has significantly expanded access to resources, education, and collaborative connections.” – Alex Milkent, DV Program Supervisor, Family Shelter Service