



IMPACT REPORT

ABSTRACT

The impact report provides an overview on improvements in efficiency, collaboration, and other community benefits resulting from ROSC implementation.

The Near South Side ROSC believes in the power of recovery—and in the strength, dignity, and resilience of every person who seeks to walk the path of recovery. This impact report reflects the work we have done to support those on the path of recovery. We made sure to engage our community partners in Our top priorities throughout the Fiscal Year which included: **Stigma Reduction, Increasing Awareness of available Recovery Resources and Increasing connections between Service Providers.** **Stigma Reduction:** We saw a decrease in the number of people who felt like people who have used drugs and alcohol don't deserve respect in this year's Assessment. Over 80% of those who took the survey believe this group of people deserve respect. This year's assessment results were refreshing. **Increasing Awareness of available Recovery Resources:** We focus on many resources but especially Mental Health. Changing **Community Systems** such as Mental Health Services is important to NSSR. We have been encouraging the use of the “**My Health Finder** and “**Mental Health America**” tools for nearly the entire Fiscal year. **Community systems** don't change overnight however we have been working to help move the needle. **Increasing connections between Service Providers:** We have made many connections during our monthly ROSC Calls between service providers which has in turn brought more awareness to services in the community.

Agencies Present at Past FY25 ROSC Meetings	Coalitions and Collaborative with Active NSSR Participation and Involvement
Chinese American Service League	Illinois Harm Reduction and Recovery Coalition
Chicago Black Gay Men's Caucus	Illinois Helpline Monthly Champions Meeting
New Life Centers	Quarterly Recovery Partners Meeting
Midwest Asian Health Services	McK-UDOS (McKinley Park Underage Drugs and Other Substances Coalition)
Alliance Care 360	SSHOTF (South Side Heroin and Opioid Task Force)
Transforming Reentry	CCBSP (Chicago Collaborative of Bullying and Suicide Prevention)
TASC	CQL (Chicago Queer Latinx Collaborative)
H.A.S.	
AIDS Foundation of Chicago	
South Side Task Force	
A Safe Haven Foundation	

Summary The work we have done to be more intentional in the areas of increasing awareness of resources and making connections between service providers has been very impactful. Because of our efforts we have connected several organizations and developed partnerships that can have a lasting effect on the community. Through our collaborations were also able to find a bed in a DV (Domestic Violence) shelter for a young woman with an infant child. **Special Populations** we served were the LGBTQIA community. This year we held our very first LGBTQIA Virtual Networking call. Supporting LGBTQIA+ individuals struggling with substance use disorder requires both compassion and intentional, informed action. The NSSR is here to help all our community members on their journey to freedom, wellness and prosperity in every area of their lives.