

Coles County Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) Community Survey

PURPOSE: This survey is to measure public opinion on issues related to Substance use and Recovery. The information collected will be used to identify areas for improvement in our community. Your responses are confidential so please answer the questions honestly and to the best of your ability. Thank you for completing this survey.

DEFINITIONS: The terms listed below are used throughout the survey and are provided to ensure people provide the best educated answer.

Drug Overdose Prevention Program (DOPP) Site

A designated community location (such as a business, library, or community center) that offers free public access to Narcan through a public display.

- Community members can take Narcan anytime, with no questions asked and no personal information required.

Narcan (naloxone)

A safe, life-saving medication that can reverse an opioid overdose.

- It works by blocking the effects of opioids in the brain. Narcan is easy to use, typically as a nasal spray, and has no potential for abuse.

Syringe Services Program (SSP)

A community-based program that provides access to sterile syringes and safe disposal of used syringes.

- SSPs often offer additional services such as HIV and hepatitis testing, referrals to treatment, wound care, and overdose prevention education, including Narcan distribution.
- These programs are part of harm reduction efforts and have been shown to reduce disease transmission and connect people to care.

Harm Reduction

Evidence-based strategies aimed at reducing the negative health, social, and legal impacts of substance use without necessarily requiring abstinence.

- Focus areas include preventing overdoses, reducing infectious disease, and connecting people to care and support services.

Medication-Assisted Recovery (MAR)

A recovery pathway using FDA-approved medications (like methadone, buprenorphine, or naltrexone) combined with counseling and behavioral therapy.

- MAR supports individuals in achieving and maintaining recovery from Substance Use Disorders (SUDs).

Peer Recovery Specialist

A person in recovery from substance use and/or mental health challenges who is trained and certified to support others.

- They offer mentorship, advocacy, and guidance, drawing from their lived experience.

Recovery

A personal journey of change and growth through which individuals improve their health, live a self-directed life, and work to reach their full potential.

- Recovery can involve many pathways, including abstinence, harm reduction, medication-assisted recovery, and peer support.

Recovery Services/Supports

A wide range of non-clinical services that help people in or seeking recovery from substance use or mental health challenges.

- Examples include peer support, housing help, transportation, employment assistance, recovery coaching, and support groups.

Recovery-Oriented System of Care (ROSC)

A coordinated network of community-based services and supports that is person-centered and strengths-based.

- ROSCs aim to meet individuals' holistic needs—including physical, emotional, social, and spiritual—so they can achieve and sustain long-term recovery.

Substance Use Disorder (SUD)

A complex medical condition characterized by uncontrollable use of drugs or alcohol despite harmful consequences.

- Often referred to as addiction, SUD affects brain function and behavior, and may require a combination of medical, therapeutic, and recovery-based support.
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1. People who use drugs deserve respect.

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

2. People with a mental illness deserve respect.

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

3. ***Medication Assisted Recovery-MAR*** (which is the use of medications to treat substance use disorders e.g., methadone or buprenorphine to treat opioid use disorder) is an effective treatment for substance use disorders.

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

4. It is difficult to find healthcare providers who offer ***Medication Assisted Recovery-MAR*** (which is the use of medications to treat substance use disorders e.g., methadone or buprenorphine to treat opioid use disorder) in my community.

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

5. **Harm reduction** services like *Narcan* and syringe service programs reduce the risks of drug use.
- 1-Strongly Disagree
 - 2-Disagree
 - 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
 - 4-Agree
 - 5-Strongly Agree
6. It is difficult to find **Harm Reduction** services like *Narcan* and syringe service programs in my community.
- 1-Strongly Disagree
 - 2-Disagree
 - 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
 - 4-Agree
 - 5-Strongly Agree
7. It is difficult to find mental health and substance use treatment services in my community.
- 1-Strongly Disagree
 - 2-Disagree
 - 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
 - 4-Agree
 - 5-Strongly Agree
8. We should increase government funding on treatment options for mental health and **substance use disorders**.
- 1-Strongly Disagree
 - 2-Disagree
 - 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
 - 4-Agree
 - 5-Strongly Agree
9. Everyone in my community can get help for mental health regardless of income level, insurance status, race, ethnicity, primary language, disabilities, gender identity, sexual orientation, or citizenship status.
- 1-Strongly Disagree

- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

10. Everyone in my community can get help for *substance use disorder* regardless of income level, insurance status, race, ethnicity, primary language, disabilities, gender identity, sexual orientation, or citizenship status.

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

11. It is easy for someone in recovery to find safe, affordable housing.

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

12. It is easy to find safe and reliable transportation for access to treatment and/or recovery supports in Coles County.

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

13. Have you or someone you know who is in recovery missed or skipped an appointment due to lack of transportation?

- 1-Yes
- 2-No
- 3-Prefer not to say

14. What types of transportation options should be improved to better support recovery in Coles County? (Select all that apply)

- 1-Public transportation (bus routes, schedules, coverage)
- 2-Ride-share availability/affordability
- 3-Volunteer driver programs
- 4-Other (please specify): _____

15. Do you believe people with substance use disorder (SUD) should have access to Medication-Assisted Recovery (MAR) or treatment while incarcerated?

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

16. My community would benefit from more educational opportunities to learn about evidence-based recovery supports like Medication-Assisted Recovery (MAR).

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

17. Do you support offering MAR in local jails?

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

18. Have you or someone you know ever benefited from working with a Peer Recovery Support Specialist?

- 1-Yes
- 2-No
- 3-Not sure

19. If yes, what type of support was most helpful? (Select all that apply)
- 1-Emotional support (listening, encouragement, hope)
 - 2-Practical support (transportation, housing help, resources)
 - 3-Recovery guidance (groups, coaching, peer mentorship)
 - 4-Advocacy (help navigating systems, speaking up on your behalf)
 - 5-Other (please specify): _____

Demographic Information

Relationship to Recovery (select all that apply):

- Person in recovery
- Family member / loved one of someone in recovery
- Service provider (treatment, recovery, or support services)
- Peer Recovery Support Specialist / Recovery Navigator
- Healthcare provider
- Legal / criminal justice system (e.g., probation, law enforcement, court staff)
- Community member with no direct personal/professional connection
- Other (please specify): _____

Age:

- Under 18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65 and over

Income level:

- Prefer not to say
- Under \$24,999
- \$25,000-\$49,999
- \$50,000-\$99,999

- \$100,000-and over

Gender:

- Prefer not to self-identify
- Male
- Female
- Gender Fluid
- Nonbinary

Location:

- County:
- Zip Code:

Ethnicity:

- Hispanic or Latino
- Non-Hispanic

Race:

- African American/Black
- Asian
- Caucasian/White
- Native American
- Pacific Islander
- Two or more races

Primary Language:

- English
- Spanish
- Mandarin
- French
- Arabic
- Other (specify)