

Edgar County Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) Council Community Survey

PURPOSE: This survey is to measure public opinion on issues related to substance use, mental health, 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 public place like a library, business, or community center that has a public Narcan (Naloxone) box. These sites give out free Narcan. Narcan is a medicine that saves lives by reversing drug overdoses. Anyone can take it at any time. You do not have to answer questions or give your name.
- **Harm Reduction-** Proven ways to lower the dangers of drug use. This includes preventing overdoses and stopping the spread of diseases. It also makes it easier for people to get medical care.
- **Medication-Assisted Recovery (MAR)** - A recovery pathway that includes the use of FDA-approved medications in combination with counseling & behavioral therapies to support individuals in achieving and maintaining recovery from substance use disorders.
- **Recovery:** A process of change where people improve their health, take control of their lives, and reach their goals.
- **Second Chance Employment** - companies hire individuals who have a criminal record, spent time in jail, and/or faced struggles with drug and/or alcohol use. This gives the person a fair chance to get a job and start over.
- **Substance Use Disorder-** A medical condition related to drug or alcohol use. It is a medical condition where a person cannot stop using a substance, even when it harms them.
- **Warm Hand-Off Program** - A coordinated, in-person or real-time transition of care where the hospital staff directly connects the individual to a treatment provider, ensuring that support and communication are maintained throughout the process.
- **Overdose** - An overdose happens when a person takes more of a drug or medication than their body can safely handle. It can cause serious health

problems or death. An overdose is a medical emergency, and the person needs help right away.

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. Access to **naloxone** (which is a harm reduction service that utilizes a life-saving medication to reverse opioid overdoses) reduces the risks caused by drug use.

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

6. Access to Syringe Services Programs (which is a harm reduction service that provides sterile syringes, safe disposal of syringes and injection equipment, linkage to treatment, and other supportive services to people who use drugs) reduces the risks caused by drug use.

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

7. It is difficult to find harm reduction services in my community.

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

8. It is difficult to find mental health treatment services in my community.

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

9. It is difficult to find substance-use treatment services in my community.

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

10. We should increase government funding for treatment options for mental health challenges.

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

11. We should increase government funding for treatment options for substance use disorders.

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

12. 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

13. Everyone in my community can get help for substance use 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

14. Offering community-wide **Narcan (naloxone)** trainings is necessary to help reduce stigma and increase awareness around **substance use disorder** in our community.

- 1-Strongly Disagree

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

15. I know where I can obtain **Narcan (naloxone)** or other **harm reduction** resources in Edgar County.

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

16. A **Warm Handoff Program** would improve **recovery** outcomes for individuals with **substance use disorder** in our community.

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

17. I know where to go or who to contact if I or someone I know needs immediate help for a **substance use disorder** after leaving the emergency room or hospital.

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

18. Have you or someone you know experienced an overdose or other substance use-related emergency that required medical attention or a visit to the hospital?

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

19. I believe people in **recovery** should have equal opportunities for employment, regardless of a past **substance use disorder** or mental health challenges.

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

20. Are you aware of where to access support for the following services? (*circle yes or no*)

- Food Assistance- Yes or No
- Affordable Housing- Yes or No
- Family Support Services- Yes or No
- Domestic Violence Services- Yes or No
- Services for Survivors of Sexual Assault or Human Trafficking- Yes or No
- Legal Assistance- Yes or No
- Physical Health Services - Yes or No
- Recovery Support Meetings- Yes or No
- Substance Use Treatment- Yes or No
- Mental Health Treatment- Yes or No

Demographic Information

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:

- Male

- Female
- Non-Binary/Gender Non-Conforming
- Transgender
- Other
- Prefer not to respond

Location:

- County:
- Zip Code:
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Ethnicity:

- Hispanic or Latino
- Non-Hispanic

Race:

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

Primary Language:

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