

Sangamon County ROSC 2026-2027 Community Survey

This survey, conducted by the Sangamon County ROSC Council, gathers community perspectives on recovery-related issues. The first 13 questions are provided by Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (IDHS-DBHR); the remaining questions address local needs.

Responses are confidential and will help guide future recovery efforts in Sangamon County and Illinois. Results will be published by the end of 2026.

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Section 1: General Questions

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

Section 2: Awareness & Availability of Community Resources

14. How many resources are you **aware of** for the following in Sangamon County?

	Aware of 0 resources	Aware of 1-2 resources	Aware of 3+ resources
Staying safe while using: Programs that help reduce harm (like teaching safe use or giving clean needles).			
Outpatient treatment for adults with a substance use disorder (individual/group counseling, medication therapies)			
Detox for adults: Safe places for adults to go while their bodies clear out drugs or alcohol.			
Residential treatment for adults with substance use disorder.			
Outpatient treatment for youth (under 18) with a substance use disorder (individual/group counseling, medication therapies)			
Withdrawal management (“detox”) resources for youth (under 18) with substance use disorder.			
Residential treatment for youth (under 18) with substance use disorder.			
Medication assisted recovery (methadone, buprenorphine (Suboxone), naltrexone (Vivitrol) treatment for people with opioid use disorder			
Support groups for people in recovery from substance use disorders			
Support groups for family members of people with substance use disorders.			
Recovery Community Organizations.			
Safe, community events or activities for people in recovery and community members.			
Recovery housing			
Peer recovery support services			
Substance use support services for people who are incarcerated and/or leaving incarceration			

15. How many resources are you **aware of** for the following in Sangamon County?

	Aware of 0 resources	Aware of 1-2 resources	Aware of 3+ resources
Outpatient mental health treatment for adults			
Outpatient mental health treatment for youth (under 18)			
Inpatient mental health treatment for adults			
Inpatient mental health treatment for youth (under 18)			
Support groups for people with a mental health condition			
Support groups for family members of people with mental health conditions			
Mental health supports for people who are incarcerated and/or leaving incarceration			
Behavioral health crisis response services			

16. To what extent, if at all, **do you agree** with the following statements?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I know what naloxone (Narcan) is					
I know where I can access naloxone (Narcan) at no cost.					
I know how to use naloxone (Narcan) to help reverse the effects of an overdose.					
I know how to access mental health treatment in Sangamon County.					
I know how to access substance use treatment in Sangamon County					
I know how to access peer recovery supports in Sangamon County					

Section 3: Barriers & Facilitators to Access

17. Please rank these barriers in terms of how strongly they impact **your own ability** to access behavioral health and/or recovery services in our community.

	Strongly	Somewhat	Rarely	Never	Not applicable
Lack of insurance					
Inability to pay for services					
Language barrier					
Transportation					
Geographic distance					
Hours of operation					

Childcare					
Ability of location to accommodate physical disability or limited mobility					
Waitlist to access services					
Culturally responsive care not available					
Only telehealth services offered					
Only in-person services offered					
Stigma					

18. What else would you like us to know about barriers to accessing **behavioral health (mental health, substance use) treatment** in Sangamon County?

19. What else would you like us to know about barriers to accessing **recovery supports** in Sangamon County?

20. Considering **both mental health and substance use-related resources** in Sangamon County, what do you think are our community's greatest assets or resources?

21. What would you like to see Sangamon County (government, organizations, communities) do to address these barriers?

Demographic Information (Optional)

Thank you for completing this survey. The following optional demographic questions help us better understand our respondents and support equitable survey distribution.

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 self-identify

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
- ☐ Other

Primary Language:

- ☐ English
- ☐ Spanish
- ☐ Mandarin
- ☐ French
- ☐ Arabic
- ☐ Other (specify): _____

Are you in recovery from substance use disorder(s) or mental health condition(s)?

- ☐ Yes
 - If Yes: how long have you been in recovery? _____
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say