



Statement of Work

Law Enforcement Co-Response Outreach Program

PURPOSE

To provide behavioral health outreach while reducing criminal justice system involvement for individuals with mental health and substance use disorder treatment needs. Co-Response outreach programs consist of law enforcement officer(s) and behavioral health professional(s) that provide individuals with substance use disorder or other behavioral health needs with access to treatment that would otherwise be involved in the criminal justice system. Co-response outreach is designed to enhance first responder capacity to immediately provide field-based interventions and ensure referral and linkage to ongoing behavioral health treatment when appropriate.

1. Provide field-based outreach services and intensive case management support to individuals who frequently encounter the criminal justice system.
2. Provide diversion focused interventions or alternative to law enforcement responses to calls where substance use disorder or other behavioral health needs are identified.

SERVICE POPULATION

Priority populations should focus on any individual with a behavioral health condition who are at risk of arrest and/or frequent contact with first responders, community members and who could benefit from being connected to supportive behavioral health treatment or other supportive resources when amendable.

1. Individuals who have frequent criminal legal system contact because of substance use disorder or other behavioral health needs.
2. Individuals who are at risk of arrest, or already have been involved in the criminal justice system.
3. Individuals who cannot, on their own, access local safety-net services.

SERVICES

Co-Responder outreach programs:

1. Provide behavioral health outreach interventions and person-centered de-escalation that use least invasive interventions.
2. Employ field-based strategies to identify individuals with substance use disorders and other behavioral health needs in a culturally competent, recovery oriented, trauma sensitive manner.
3. Maintain referral pathways for community members, emergency services, treatment providers and other community-based entities.
4. Support direct linkages to treatment supports to include facility-based crisis stabilization and triage, withdrawal management, outpatient or medical services or other behavioral health or community-based care supports as appropriate.
5. Provide care coordination and case management.

PROGRAM STAFFING

Co-response outreach programs should be staffed with Master Level behavioral health professional(s), bachelor Level and/or Certified Peer Counselors (CPC). Licensed behavioral health professional(s) can include licensed Mental Health Professionals (MHP) and licensed Substance Use disorder Professionals (SUDP).

Law enforcement or first responders who are providing co-response interventions are encouraged to be trained in Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). Agencies are required to ensure licensed professionals who are conducting co-response services have access to training, such as the following:

1. Motivational interviewing
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2. Strength-based and harm reduction interventions
3. Trauma-informed practices
4. Cultural humility
5. Mental Health First Aid
6. Conflict resolution and de-escalation techniques
7. Suicide risk assessment and prevention
8. Overdose prevention, recognition, and response
9. Law enforcement or first responder sponsored trainings

COORDINATION

1. Co-response outreach services will coordinate with crisis services to include referral to a Designated Crisis Responders (DCRs).
2. Co-Response outreach services will coordinate closely with parallel emergency services, criminal justice systems, inpatient/residential service providers, tribal governments, Indian Health Care Providers (IHCP) and outpatient providers to ensure access to timely and appropriate behavioral health treatment services.
3. Co-Response outreach services shall coordinate closely with other local community-based diversion program.

DELIVERABLES

Programs will submit Quarterly reports to North Sound BH-ASO. Reporting will include number of individuals served, outcomes of services provided and a narrative describing successes and challenges.