PURPOSE

To provide outreach services to individuals who use opioid drugs intravenously, in order to facilitate access to and admission into substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services.

DEFINITIONS

Substance Use Disorder (SUD)
A pattern of symptoms caused by using a substance that an individual continues taking despite its negative effects.

SERVICE POPULATION

- Individuals who experienced an opiate overdose reversal
- Individuals admitted to the hospital due to opioid overdose
- Individuals referred by law enforcement and other first responders
- Individuals contacted by outreach workers who may be using opioids and other substances

SERVICES

Employ one (1) or more Full Time Equivalency (FTE) Opiate Outreach Worker who will:

a. Provide outreach, coordination and liaison services to individuals who use opioids intravenously and are suspected of having a substance use disorder (SUD);
b. Screen and determine the individual's needs;
c. Assist with access to services to meet individual needs as identified such as housing, medical, food, mental health care, and clothing;
d. Assist in access to or coordination of buprenorphine and other medication assisted treatment as indicated;
e. Facilitate access to and coordinate SUD assessment and treatment services; and
f. Resume supportive contact when individual relapses or falls out of treatment services, as needed.

The outreach services will:

a. Increase individual engagement in SUD treatment services;
b. Decrease time to enter SUD treatment services; and
c. Lower the barrier to accessing medication assisted treatment and SUD treatment services.

WA-STR CFDA #93-788 addresses the Opiate Crisis by increasing treatment and prevention activities, such as Opiate Outreach Services.

COORDINATION

Outreach providers will work to coordinate referral services and care with other support systems and treatment providers.

DATA/REPORTING

Complete the Opiate Outreach Deliverable Report and submit with each monthly invoice.