
Quarterly Summary

Surry County Office of Substance Abuse Recovery

April to June 2025



Introduction

The Surry County Office of Substance Abuse Recovery (SCOSAR) is committed to fostering a healthier, more resilient community through comprehensive prevention, early intervention, recovery support, workforce development and justice initiatives. This quarterly report summarizes the programs, partnerships, and data-driven outcomes from April to June 2025, highlighting the agency’s multifaceted approach to addressing substance use and its impact on individuals, families, and the broader community.

Throughout the quarter, SCOSAR engaged with youth, families, community organizations, faith-based partners, and individuals in recovery to deliver impactful services. Highlights include expanded early intervention programming in schools, hands-on prevention efforts like the “Resist the Influence” series and “Fatal Vision” simulations, faith-based community events, and mental health literacy training.

Our Recovery to Work and transportation services continued to bridge gaps in access to employment and treatment, while our Post Overdose Response Team (PORT) and internship program advanced recovery-oriented systems of care.

This report also incorporates updated service utilization data, evaluation findings from our strategic initiatives like the Surry Transition Project, and direct feedback from community surveys. These insights inform ongoing service delivery and strategic planning as we strive to build a coordinated, effective, and compassionate system of support.

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Surry Transition Project (STP)

Prevention/Early Intervention Activities

Girl's Circle Early Intervention Programming

Girl's Circle is an evidence-based structured support and skill-building group for youth ages 12-18 years, which integrates relational theory, resiliency practices, and skills building. The program is designed to increase positive connections, strengths, and competence in youth. The goals of the program are to increase resiliency, school attachment, educational expectations, confidence, and self-efficacy.



*Girl's Circle Curriculum, Session Completion Picnic at Pilot Mountain State Park,
Central Middle School Group, May 2025*

Trinity Episcopal Church Youth Group – Weekly meetings throughout 2025



Trinity Episcopal Church - Girl's Craft Project, May 2025

Trinity Youth group is a partnership in which SCOSAR works to support local youth in the Mount Airy area schools including Meadowview Magnet Middle School, Gentry Middle School, and North Surry High School. The meetings are at Trinity Episcopal every Tuesday afterschool to have group and dinner. The church provides the lead facilitator and volunteers to help with preparing meals and transportation.

Resist the Influence Spring Semester 2025

Resist the Influence is a four-day drug education class for 9th grade Health classes. The subjects covered are Mental Health, Alcohol, Marijuana, and Polysubstance Use. The goal of resist the influence is to raise awareness of the harmful effects of substance use, reinforce positive coping skills, to teach youth where to access credible information and resources, and to strengthen refusal skills.

From April to June, SCOSAR, in partnership with All-Stars Prevention Coalition, held Resist the Influence classes at Surry Central, Elkin, and East Surry High Schools. Students received a certificate of completion along with a Safe Sober T-Shirt.



Resist the Influence – Elkin High School, Alcohol Day – Safe Sober T-Shirts, May 2025.



Resist the Influence – East Surry High School, Polysubstance Day – Safe Sober T-Shirts, May 2025

SCOSAR Internship Program

Participation in SCOSAR's Internship Program provides individuals with the knowledge of how a healthy community operates as well as show them the many hurdles that stand in the way of building such a community. As residents of Surry County themselves, Interns will be provided with a more expansive view of their community by taking part in this program. Interns can play an active role in making our community healthier by engaging in community outreach and by learning how that can aid in mitigating the number of residents who suffer from substance use disorder in our community. Participation will also help them to better understand the needs of a community and how to work to fulfill those needs. In addition, participants will accumulate an in-depth understanding of how addiction affects both an individual, family, and a community. Individuals will learn business etiquette and understand how to navigate general business communications. The Prevention and Early Intervention Program considers the participation of interns an essential factor for future success, as the input and viewpoints from interns will be critical to shaping youth-oriented programs.

SCOSAR partners with all county school systems and invites any student who meets the program requirements to apply and interview. The students work alongside the Prevention and Administrative Services Manager where they complete various projects throughout the semester and end with a final presentation highlighting what they have learned. They can also use our office and their experiences on their resume, college applications, and job applications going forward into their future.

In May 2025, Miss Ragan Speer, a freshman at Montreat College joined us for a summer internship made possible by a partnership between The Rural Health Initiative and Golden LEAF Tobacco Foundation. Miss Speer is assisting SCOSAR by helping to conduct our needs assessment for the 2030 Strategic Plan. This includes doing community interviews and entering the data. She is also helping to facilitate all youth summer events.

"Interning at the Surry County Office of Substance Abuse Recovery has been an incredible opportunity and meaningful experience. I've participated in multiple youth prevention efforts, earned certification in Mental Health First Aid, helped in creating our training catalog, and assisted in interviewing individuals for our community needs assessment. I started this internship hoping to expand my knowledge on social factors influencing the criminal justice system. It has done just that by showing me how substance use contributes to cycles of incarceration, especially in underserved communities. Seeing the systems and struggles I've only studied in class, alongside meaningful work being done to address them, has given me a renewed sense of purpose to give back to my community and serve others throughout my career."

-Ragan Speer, SCOSAR Intern



Intern Ragan Speer, Montreat College, joined SCOSAR for a summer internship in May 2025

Faith Based Community Efforts – Poplar Springs Baptist Church - State Road, NC

SCOSAR met with Poplar Springs Baptist Church in Elkin, NC to present them with the benefits of Positive Childhood Experiences. After working on a project, SCOSAR developed a group which consisted of a collaboration of Surry Friends of Youth, Surry Health and Nutrition Center and SCOSAR. The group is named Positive Childhood Experiences (PaCEs). We published a brief, in which we decided to solicit the community to help provide base level local events and activities for youth that could result in connection and a positive experience.

We met with Poplar Springs Baptist Church and worked to support them in creating a plan for having some friendly, youth focused community group events. The first one was a “Flapjack Breakfast” in which the church members will cook pancakes for the guests. They played games and provided prizes. We are currently working on planning two additional activities for summer and fall.



Flapjack Frenzy, Poplar Springs Baptist Church, State Road, NC May 2025



“The Claws” – Mount Airy High School Prevention Club

SCOSAR presented Mount Airy High School with a proposal to initiate and facilitate a prevention club inside the school using the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) club. We presented them with the benefits of youth empowerment activities and lessons, using the evidence-based Dover Youth to Youth Program, where substance use prevention is the main focus. Our specific topic was alcohol prevention. We taught multiple alcohol prevention lessons, created a Google Docs folder for the class and worked on spreading the message of the dangers of alcohol.

We chose Mount Airy High School as our “community” to target and created a communication campaign to spread the message via art posters. Also, we partnered with Safe Sober to give the youth t-shirts. The project is planning a presentation skills lesson to create a public service announcement to be delivered on our county television and radio broadcasts. We finished educational posters, displayed them in the school, and distributed certificates to the students for their participation.



“The Claws” Prevention Club, Mount Airy High School, May 2025

The Children’s Center/Rotary Club – “Family Fun Day”

SCOSAR partnered with Rotary Club and The Children’s Center to help facilitate a “Family Fun Day.” The event will be in honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month in April 2025. The Family Fun Day will be a cookout at the Dobson Square Park, with food served and provided by Mount Airy Rotary Club, for the families. Also, there were games provided that can be taken home by each family.



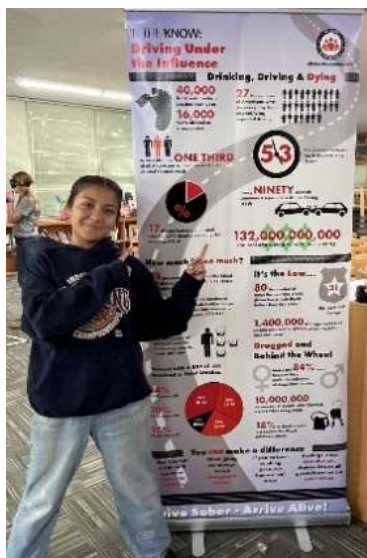
Family Fun Day, April 2025

Surry Central High School's Substance Use Awareness Week 2025

Surry Central High School, Dobson, NC hosted a comprehensive “Substance Use Awareness Week - Alcohol Awareness Event in April, designed to empower students with accurate information and resources regarding the dangers of underage drinking and substance abuse. The event offered interactive sessions, informative presentations, and engaging activities tailored specifically for high school students.

Event Highlights:

- **Fatal Vision Alcohol Goggles:** A key feature was the use of Fatal Vision Alcohol Goggles, which simulate impaired vision and coordination under the influence of alcohol. Students can experience firsthand how difficult and dangerous even simple tasks, like walking a straight line or tossing a ball, become while impaired.
- **Presentations:** SCOSAR staff presented data and facts about the risks and consequences of underage drinking, including the alarming statistics surrounding teen drunk driving accidents. They also discussed the negative impact of alcohol on developing adolescent brains.
- **Informational stands and displays:** Students explored various information such as:
- **"Driving Under the Influence:"** Facts and statistics: Data about the prevalence of adolescent DUI, its impact on road safety, and the number of injuries and fatalities caused by impaired driving crashes.
- **“Refusal Skills: How to resist peer pressure.”** Define refusal skills - Clear explanation of what refusal skills are and why they are important for resisting peer pressure. Provided examples of effective refusal skills - Included examples of how to say no confidently, provided reasons for refusal, offer alternatives, and how to leave uncomfortable situations.
- **Drug Identification Display:** Early Intervention - Providing drug identification information can help prevent substance misuse before it starts, especially when combined with presentations or discussions.
- **Accurate Information -** Displays can provide accurate details about various substances, including their physical and psychological effects, dispelling myths and misconceptions that youth may have encountered.
- **Discussion and Peer Education:** The event encouraged open discussion about alcohol use, peer pressure, and



strategies for making safe and healthy choices.

Substance Use Awareness Week, Alcohol Awareness Day, Surry Central High School, April 2025

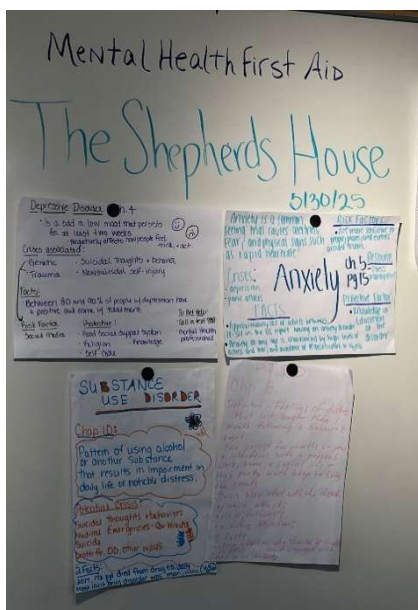
- **Resource Sharing:** Information was available about local resources and support networks for teens facing alcohol-related challenges.



Mental Health First Aid

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is a practical, evidence-based training program designed to empower individuals to offer support to those experiencing mental health or substance use challenges. It provides a structured approach to assessing situations, offering initial support, and connecting individuals with professional help and other resources. By reducing stigma and increasing mental health literacy, MHFA aims to improve outcomes for individuals experiencing mental health problems and create a more supportive community.

SCOSAR provided (2) trainings for Mental Health First Aid to community agencies including (13) staff members from the Assertive Community Treatment Team (ACTT), Easter Seals UCP, and (7) staff members from The Shepherd's House, a non-profit organization that provides various services, including shelter, food, and resources, to individuals facing homelessness and crisis situations.



The Shepherd's House Mental Health First Aid Training Class, May 2025



Kid's Fest,, Mount Airy, NC, May 2025

Kid's Fest

Kids Fest in Mount Airy, NC, offers a day of free, outdoor fun and encourages children to "get unplugged" by engaging in activities like rock climbing, obstacle courses, and more. It's a community event, a partnership between Mount Airy Parks & Recreation and local agencies, designed to promote healthy, active play for kids and community engagement for youth and their parents. SCOSAR partnered with the All-Stars Prevention Coalition for this event.

Reeves Summer Adventure Camp Alcohol Awareness Event

Reeves Community Center hosted an alcohol awareness event for summer campers, incorporating Fatal Vision alcohol goggles facilitated by SCOSAR. The goggles simulate the visual and coordination impairment caused by alcohol, providing a powerful hands-on experience.

Fatal Vision Alcohol Goggles Activities

- Walk the line: Participants tried to walk in a straight line, heel-to-toe, while wearing the goggles, then repeat without the goggles to illustrate the impact on balance and coordination.
- Play a game: Participants can attempt to play a simple card game, shuffle a deck, or deal cards with and without the goggles to demonstrate the difficulty of fine motor skills under the influence.



- Perform daily actions: Have campers try to perform simple tasks like standing up from a chair, getting a drink, or finding something in their wallet while wearing the goggles.

- Toss a ball: Participants can throw and catch a soft ball with a partner while wearing and not wearing the goggles, illustrating the effect on depth perception and reaction time.

Important Considerations

- Safety: SCOSAR prioritized safety and supervised all activities, especially those involving the goggles.
- Discussion: After each activity, SCOSAR facilitated a discussion about the experience and how it relates to real-life situations involving alcohol.
- Relatability: Presented information in a way that resonates with the campers, using relatable scenarios and consequences.
- Positive messages: SCOSAR focused on making healthy choices and highlighted the benefits of an alcohol-free lifestyle.

Reeves Community Center Summer Adventure Camp, Mount Airy Middle School, June 2025 **Reeves Summer Adventure Camp Kindness Rocks**

Kindness is crucial for middle school aged young people as it fosters empathy, builds positive relationships, and promotes a healthy school environment. It also enhances social skills, reduces bullying, and improves mental well-being. Furthermore, practicing kindness can increase self-esteem and create a sense of belonging.

Fosters Empathy and Emotional Intelligence

- Kindness helps young people understand and share the feelings of others, which helps to develop their empathy.
- This leads to better social skills and the ability to navigate complex social situations.



- Youth learned to recognize and respond to the emotions of their peers, fostering a more compassionate and understanding environment.

Improves Mental Health and Well-Being

- Kindness releases like dopamine and serotonin, contributing to happiness, motivation, and contentment, which can reduce anxiety.
- Practicing kindness can boost self-esteem and create a sense of purpose while reducing stress, anxiety, and lowering risk of depression.



Strengthens Relationships and Social Skills

- Kindness builds trust and strengthens relationships between young people, families, and peers.
- It improves communication skills and conflict resolution abilities.
- Youth learned to collaborate effectively and work together towards common goals.

Promotes a Culture of Respect and Cooperation

- Showing youth how important kindness is, by modeling and activities, lays the foundation for a more compassionate and understanding society.
- It helps young people develop respect for others, regardless of their differences.
- By fostering a culture of kindness, communities can create a more harmonious and positive environment for everyone.



Reeves Community Center Kindness Rocks, Mount Airy Middle School, June 2025

Seeds of Hope Camp

Seeds of Hope Camp is a faith-based, free summer day camp for foster, adopted, and at-risk children in grades K-8, hosted by Heroes Helping Heroes. It provides a safe and nurturing environment where children can participate in various activities while building positive relationships and experiencing spiritual growth. SCOSAR partnered with the Shepherd's House, Mount Airy Museum, and Pilot Mountain Fire Department to host 109 youth for this event at Pilot Mountain Middle School, Pilot Mountain, NC.



Preventing and Reducing Tobacco Use, Nicotine Addiction, and Community Counter Tools

SCOSAR partnered with the NC Tobacco Control Office and Counter Tools and the All-Stars Prevention Group to host a community education opportunity to learn the latest information about tobacco, electronic vaping devices, and THC/CBD products being sold in Surry County. We visited 55 stores in Surry County to get an inventory of what was being sold and gave the merchants prevention information to help protect our youth from obtaining tobacco products.



Preventing and Reducing Tobacco Use, Nicotine Addiction, and Community Counter Tools, May 2025

SCOSAR partnered with Surry County Schools for planning to implement Teen Mental Health First Aid Classes in Surry County Schools. Charlotte Reeves completed for Teen Mental Health First Aid Instructor Certification. Plan to start in the fall of 2025 with an entire sophomore high school class.

Jamie Edwards, Director, and Charlotte Reeves, Prevention and Administrative Services Manager, both attended Crises Prevention Institute 3-day training in Virginia Beach, VA. Both were certified to be instructors and will use as a community agency training intervention.

Charlotte Reeves, Prevention and Administrative Services Manager, completed the 3-day Addiction Professionals of North Carolina Spring Addictions Conference in Lake Junaluska, NC. Charlotte Reeves, Prevention and Administrative Services Manager, completed the 2-day Addiction Professionals of North Carolina Spring Prevention Conference in Lake Junaluska, NC.

Recovery Support Services/Transportation

Policy and Procedure Update

With hiring additional staff, progress was made within the program and department. One of the continuous working progresses is the updating policies and procedures and ensuring that documents match and flow seamlessly. We have made several updates internally including the incident report and various information collection and how we collect information. Information collection includes requests from the website, which we are in the process of updating currently through JotForm, updated our informed consent documents both within the Department, but also within Ride the Road program.

Staff Development

Transportation Staff completed the following professional development activities:

- Mental Health First Aid (SCOSAR, Wellness Council)
- Mental Health 101 (Partners)
- Non-Suicidal Self-Injury (Partners)
- Community Resiliency Training (CRM, Benchmarks NC)
- Total Responsible Person (Admin)
- Preventing and Reducing Tobacco Use, Nicotine Addiction and Counter Tools

Ride the Road Success Story

“My name is Courtney Edwards. I am a Transportation Driver for the SCOSAR Department. I am writing this to tell you about a couple I met in late October of 2023 when I first started working with the SCOSAR department. I picked up a husband and wife from Shepards House in Mount Airy, NC. The wife is blind and depends on her husband for a wide range of assistance and navigation. Both were addicted to Methamphetamine and had been for years prior. The woman expressed to me in the vehicle that this was the first time her and her husband was trying to get clean and so far, they were 1 whole month sober. Prior to the Shephard house, they were homeless for many years and lived out of their vehicle until the woman was hospitalized and someone stole their car.

SCOSAR Transportation was taking them to Health and Nutrition monthly for Suboxone, and throughout those months you could visibly tell both was fighting demons within and trying so hard to remain sober. The husband seemed angry and stressed a lot of times, and the woman’s emotions was up and down because she felt like a burden to her husband and everyone around her. The husband started getting into combative situations within the Shepards House, leading to being kicked out and homeless once again.

Our Transportation team started picking them up at a new location in Pilot Mountain, which was a hotel. The husband scrambled daily to find employment due to the hotel's nightly fees being very expensive, he expressed continuous feeling defeated because he was having to leave his wife alone in the hotel and would worry about her well-being. Surprisingly, he would find work daily, even if it meant working for the hotel doing maintenances to earn their stay for the night.

One day, I picked them up as usual, they expressed to me, they had met this elderly man and his wife who lived in Pilot Mountain not far from the Hotel, who offered a trailer for them to move into, under the circumstances the husband would fix it up, and help the elderly man with work around his property. They were over the moon, finally a break! She stated God was showing up for them when they least expected it, all while remaining sober. The following transportation ride, she couldn't wait to tell me that her husband was approved, after almost a year of waiting to be her Community Alternatives Program (CAP) worker. Which meant he was going to get paid monthly to take care of her daily, she would not have to be left alone anymore, and finally their hard work and determination were paying off!

As of April 2025, both are still Sober, and the wife has restored her relationship with her daughters and grandchildren, currently looking for an apartment closer to her family, and although they still fight battles within their everyday lives, they remain sober, healthy and strive daily to stay away from their old ways and habits.

Our team and I are very proud of their many accomplishments. I am thankful we were able to support them along the way and cannot wait to see what the future has instore for them!"

Recovery to Work Services

During this period, program staff delivered targeted recovery and workforce readiness services to individuals in recovery, both within the Surry County Detention Center and the broader community. Collaborative efforts, workforce training, business engagement, and strategic planning all contributed to significant milestones in our recovery-to-work initiative. The activities reflect our ongoing commitment to improving employment outcomes, reducing stigma, and building systems of care to support individuals impacted by substance use.

Program Accomplishments

1. Workforce Development and Training
 - a. NC Department of Transportation Road Flagger Training:
 - i. Delivered five classes within the Surry County Detention Center
 - ii. Served 44 individuals (male and female);
 - iii. 42 received their state flagger certification.
2. Job Readiness Classes
 - a. Conducted seven classes for 60 detainees in recovery.
 - i. Provided targeted instruction on resume writing, interview skills, and job search strategies.
 - b. Employable Skills Workshops
 - i. Hosted five community-based workshops serving 12 individuals in recovery.
 - c. Building Financial Skills Workshops
 - i. Delivered two workshops within the detention center to 10 detainees.
 - ii. Focused on budgeting, credit, and financial goal-setting.

3. Staff Development and Credentialing
 - a. To enhance program effectiveness and service delivery, staff obtained the following professional certifications:
 - i. Certified Hospitality Instructor
 - ii. ReEntry Specialist Certification
 - iii. Certified Financial Education Instructor
 - iv. Global Career Development Facilitator
4. Business Engagement and Community Events
 - a. Marijuana in the Workplace Event:
 - i. Co-hosted with the Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce in May 2025.
 - ii. Attended by 25 local businesses to explore drug policy and support strategies.
 - b. Recovery to Work Job Fair:
 - i. Held in April 2025.
 - ii. Engaged 10 recovery-friendly employers and 40 job seekers.
 - c. Planned Reentry Simulation:
 - i. Scheduled for Fall 2025.
 - ii. Expected to attract over 50 stakeholders.
 - iii. Involves extensive coordination across community, nonprofit, and government sectors.
5. Employment Outcomes
 - i. Placed nine individuals in recovery into local recovery-friendly workplaces.
 - ii. Program Quality and Data Coordination
6. Finalized the PTRC/Goldie Data Quality Assurance Plan in coordination with CARESCG.
 - a. Supported CARESCG project efforts by:
 - i. Conducting four monthly planning and evaluation calls.
 - ii. Discussing annual evaluation reporting practices.
 - iii. Reviewing post-event survey metrics from Recovery Friendly Workplace events.
 - iv. Developing a local data report on “deaths of despair” trends.
7. Community Outreach and Training
 - a. Mental Health First Aid Certification:
 - i. Hosted three events certifying 32 nonprofit, government, and business staff.
 - b. Recovery Friendly Workplace Presentations:
 - i. Delivered a training session to 18 Department of Social Services employees.
 - c. Community Resiliency Model Training:
 - i. Trained 17 individuals from government agencies and community organizations.
 - d. Statewide Engagement:
 - i. Staff participated in the Spring 2025 Addiction Prevention Forum Stigma Institute.
8. Support for Recovery Infrastructure
 - a. Provided contractual technical assistance to New Hope New Beginnings Transitional Program to develop nonprofit policies and procedures in preparation for funded recovery support programming.

Summary

Program staff provided direct services, strengthened partnerships, expanded workforce readiness initiatives, and continued capacity building for recovery-friendly systems. These activities position the program for sustained impact and further innovation in support of individuals and communities affected by substance use.

Post Overdose Response Team

The Surry County EMS Mobile Integrated Health (MIH)/Post Overdose Response Team serves the community as the Post Overdose Response Team has continued to adapt and grow over the past quarter, which has included community events, personnel changes, and plans for future expansion. Community engagement is one of the best available tools we have that allows for face-to-face discussion and enables people to understand the dangers of substance abuse and use. These encounters also help parents and youth ask questions, see how life-saving measures can be deployed, and understand what families can do to prepare and recognize them.

Over the past three (3) months, MIH personnel have actively engaged with over five hundred (500) adults and teenagers at four (4) different events. These events, held at a high school, public access areas, and a private company event, included Narcan demonstrations, the distribution of Narcan and medication lockboxes, statistical data collection, and referral information about community resources. These engagements enabled MIH personnel to discuss substance abuse recognition openly, identify available treatment resources, and help address common misconceptions. It is one of the best tools we have available to bring awareness directly to the families and loved ones.

One of our most significant changes was the addition of an MIH Coordinator who will oversee the direction and movement of the division. Over the past three (3) years, the MIH Division has been operating under the direction of the Emergency Services Director and Compliance Officer, along with their other duties and responsibilities. This did not allow the MIH personnel to have the needed “real-time” interaction to share needs or incidents, which often delayed the growth and development of future ideas.

Andrew Casstevens, MIH Paramedic, who has been actively involved in the MIH program since its inception in 2022, was officially promoted to MIH Coordinator. His duties will include overseeing daily needs and responsibilities, scheduling personnel, developing policies, and encouraging active communication between government agencies and non-profit organizations. He will also continue our relationship with SCOSAR to support current programs, monitor statistical data, and develop future ideas.

Along with this new position, the MIH division has grown to four (4) full-time personnel and three (3) part-time providers. This year's future growth will include the addition of a Behavioral Health Specialist (BHS) and an additional Peer Support Specialist (PSS), which will help us achieve an accurate PORT response to incidents or needs within our county.

Along with SCOSAR, MIH personnel continue to work closely with the Surry County Health and Nutrition Center (SCH&NC), which is also a MAT provider and a valuable resource that we can utilize to bridge services. Since the program has started, we have been developing ideas and options based on need. This collaboration of personnel has provided an excellent opportunity for MIH, SCOSAR, and SCH&NC to map future ideas, such as promoting health and mental growth.

A new software program we have been developing is GOLDIE Health, which enables providers to document client encounters, track overdose events, and share information that protects the health information of each client across organizations. This program is placed on an Apple iPad and can be shared immediately between SCOSAR and SCH&NC to ensure that a client has a continuous support base and that the needs are being met.

Surry Transition Project

The Surry Transition Project (STP) is a collaborative initiative with the Surry County Sheriff's Office in Surry County, North Carolina, designed to support justice-involved individuals as they transition from incarceration back into the community. The project focuses on reducing recidivism and promoting long-term recovery and self-sufficiency through a structured continuum of care that includes behavioral health support, case management, and workforce development.

STP partners with local detention centers, courts, behavioral health providers, recovery community and community organizations to offer participants personalized support plans. These plans typically address substance use disorders, housing needs, employment readiness, and access to treatment and recovery services.

Key components of STP include:

- Substance use screening and group counseling services
- Reentry planning beginning before release from the detention center
- Connection to treatment services, including substance use and mental health care
- Assistance with transportation, employment, and basic needs
- Collaboration with the Accountability and Recovery Court (ARC) and Post-Overdose Response Teams (PORT)

STP is largely supported by a Bureau of Justice COSSUP Grant and Opioid Settlement Funds and other local/state investments aimed at tackling the opioid crisis and improving community outcomes. The program represents Surry County's commitment to a public health approach to justice-involvement and addiction recovery.

April to June 2025 - Data at a Glance

Recovery Support Services – Ride the Road to Recovery

- Number of people Served = Duplicated count of **282 service instances with 83 unique individuals served**
- % of participants, who use opioids and/or have OUD, who are satisfied w/ services = **81.6%**
- % of referrals that results in linkage (e.g., first appointment) = **14.5**
- % of participants with OUD using other services at 6 months of service = **57.8%**

Recovery to Work/Employment Related Services

- # of people assisted with job placement = **9**
- # of interview coaching session/job readiness sessions offered = **60**
- # of resume review sessions offered = **5**
- % of participants who received job-placement services that are employed 6 months after placement = **44%**

Early Intervention and Substance Use Prevention

- # of other early intervention training programs held = **20**
- # of unique participants trained in other early intervention programs = **1,719**
- # of naloxone kits distributed = **120**
- # of people reached with environmental and communication campaign strategies = A reach of **7,474** via Social Media.

Post Overdose Response Team

- # of referrals to PORT following an overdose reversal = **8 referred by CCOM/911/EMS Teams**
- # of people who experience an overdose who agree to talk with a PORT member = **8**
- **64%** of participants with OUD who adhere to addiction treatment at 6 months.
- % of participants with OUD who have obtained employment at 6 months, through engagement with recovery support services at 6 months = **0% reported**