



Opioid Settlement Community Meeting

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Overview of Transylvania County's strategic plan for SUD

Overview of recommended interventions

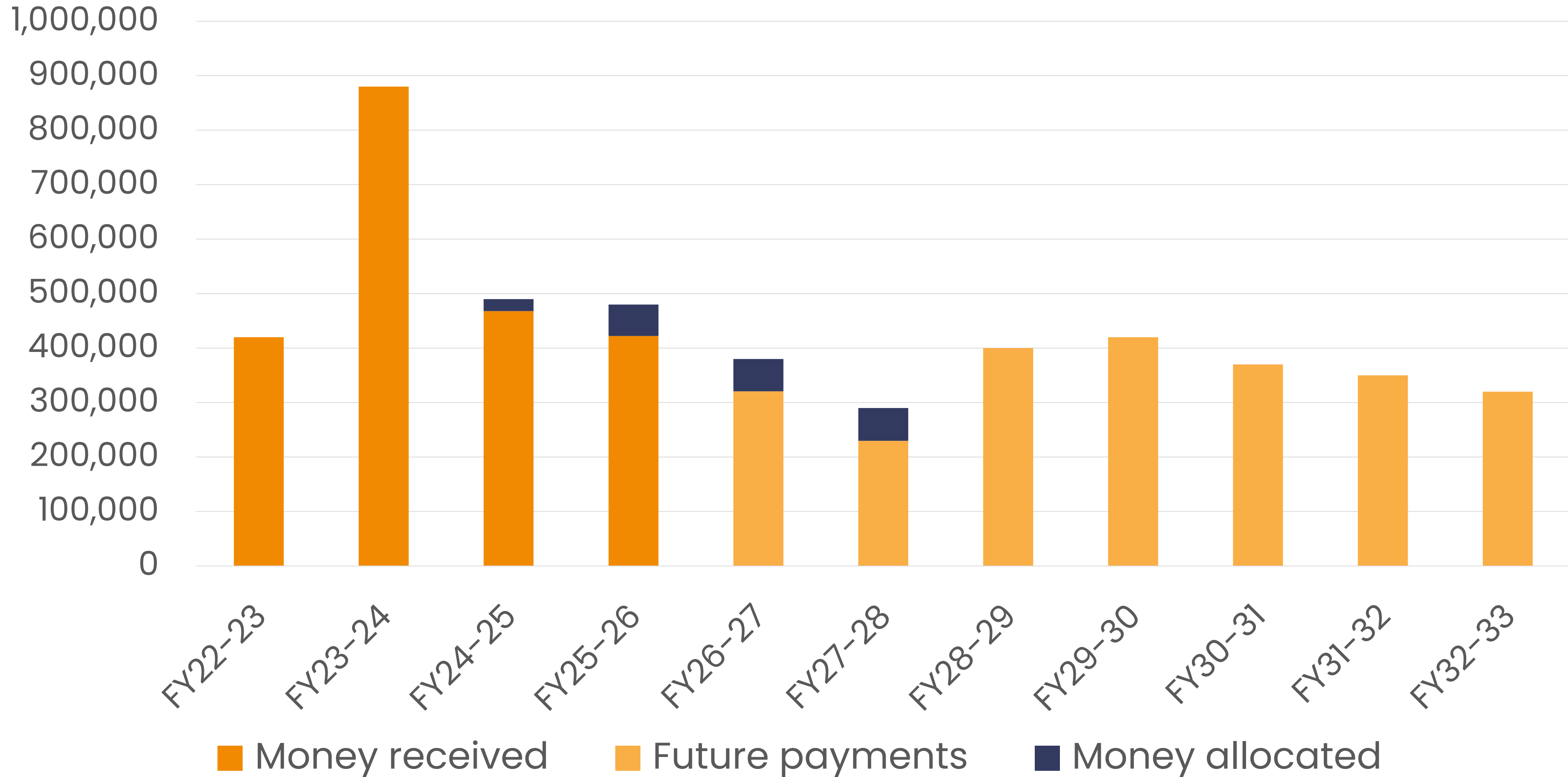
Progress updates

Next steps



\$6,008,081 through FY 38-39

Opioid Settlement Fund Distributions for Transylvania County



Transylvania County: Strategic Priorities

Immediate Focus Areas

1. Increase access to treatment & reentry services for justice-involved individuals.
2. Tailor & present education programs to address stigma & increase understanding of substance use.
3. Advocate for expanding MOUD & behavioral health services.



Prioritized Strategies

- Establish criminal justice liaison who can coordinate with jail, courts, probation, and services providers.
- Develop a recovery court.
- Expand availability of local transitional housing.
- Reduce neonatal substance exposure.
- Increase harm reduction programs & access.

Recommended Interventions

Substance Use Response Coordinator

☑ Through June 30, 2028

Jail-based Reentry & Treatment Program

☑ Through Sept 30, 2027

School-based Prevention Services

☑ Partially funded

Mobile Health Unit

☑ Coming soon!

Perinatal Peer Support Specialist

Recovery Court

Recovery Housing



Updates on recommended interventions

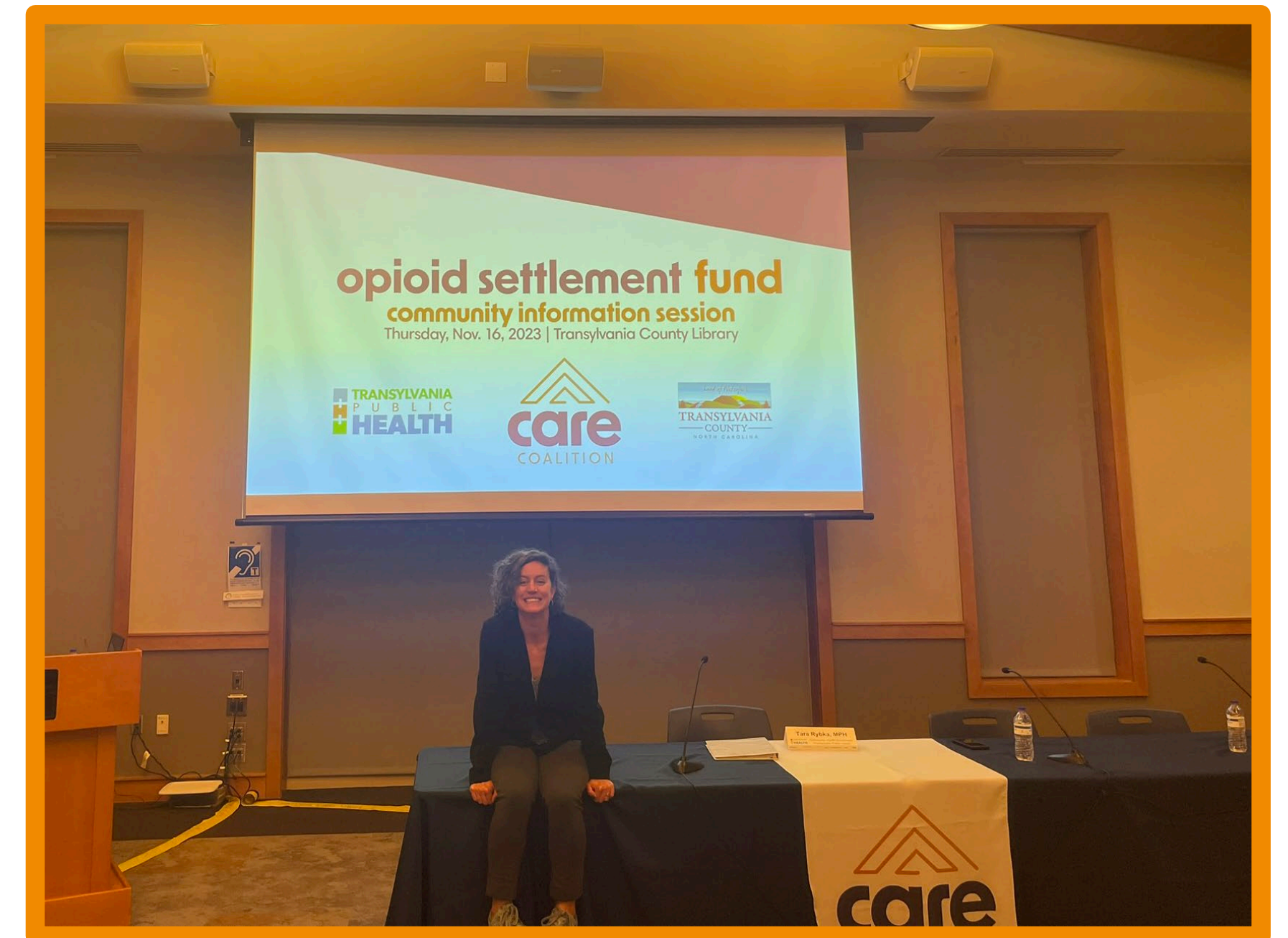


Substance Use Response Coordinator

Intervention overview

Responsibilities:

- Lead strategic planning process
- Coordinate funds & interventions
- Complete state reporting requirements
- Build partnerships and processes for implementing strategic priorities
- Provide regular updates to Board of Commissioners on progress



Substance Use Response Coordinator

Progress to date:

- Funded by Opioid Settlement Funds through June 2028
- Kristen Gentry served in this role until December 2025
- CARE staff have continued momentum and fulfilled requirements

Next steps:

- Evaluate funding and staffing options to fill position



Jail-based Reentry & Treatment Program

Intervention overview

Goals:

- Increase access to treatment & reentry support
- Reduce recidivism
- Reduce violent incidences within the jail
- Reduce overdose post-release



Jail-based Reentry & Treatment Program

Progress to date:

- Funded by federal COSSUP grant through September 2027
- Statistically significant decrease in rearrest rates, rule violations, and cost savings
- Added a Peer Support Specialist to program

Next Steps:

- Establish long-term funding stream

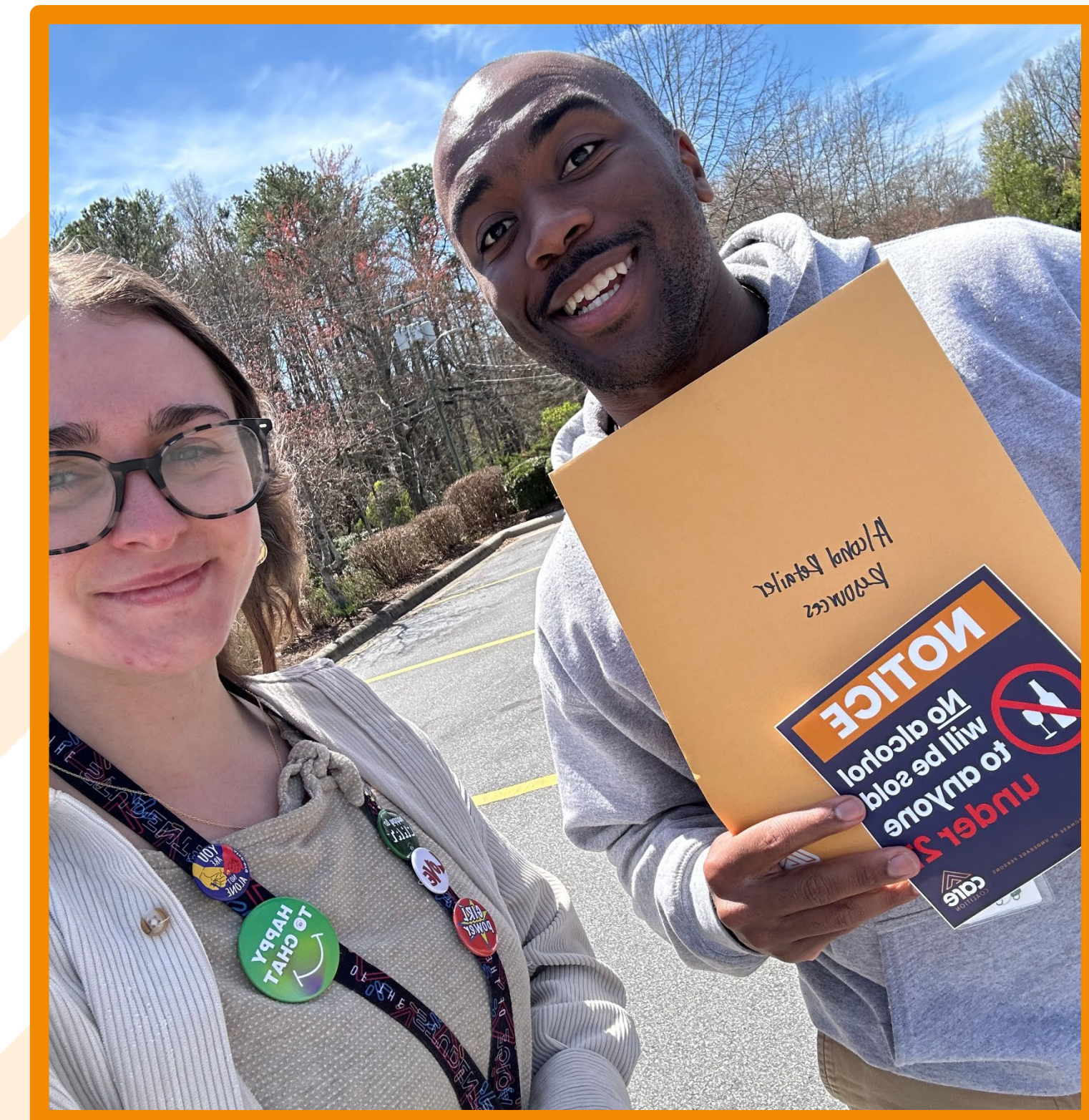


Prevention Services

Intervention overview

Goals:

- Provide support through universal prevention & community education
- Improve coping skills, communications skills, and drug resistance skills
- Increase perception of harm around drugs



Prevention Services

Progress to date:

- Funded by federal STOP Act grant through September 2029 & other patchwork funding streams
- Coordinated delivery of evidence-based curriculum at the Cindy Platt Boys & Girls Club and Transylvania County Schools
- Continued sponsorship of Voice of the Students youth coalition and established new community-based chapter

Next steps:

- Identify and secure funding to support long-term implementation of prevention strategies identified by the strategic plan



Mobile Health Unit

Intervention overview:

Goals:

- Improve access to medical, behavioral, and SUD care
- Improve initiation and retention in SUD treatment
- Reduce ED visits
- Reduce overdose



Mobile Health Unit

Progress to date:

- Funded by VAYA Health and staffed by Behavioral Health Group
- Established support from key stakeholders
- Working to secure parking site in Transylvania for the unit
- Expected launch this summer

Next steps:

- Solidify location site
- Share mobile unit information widely with the community and identified population

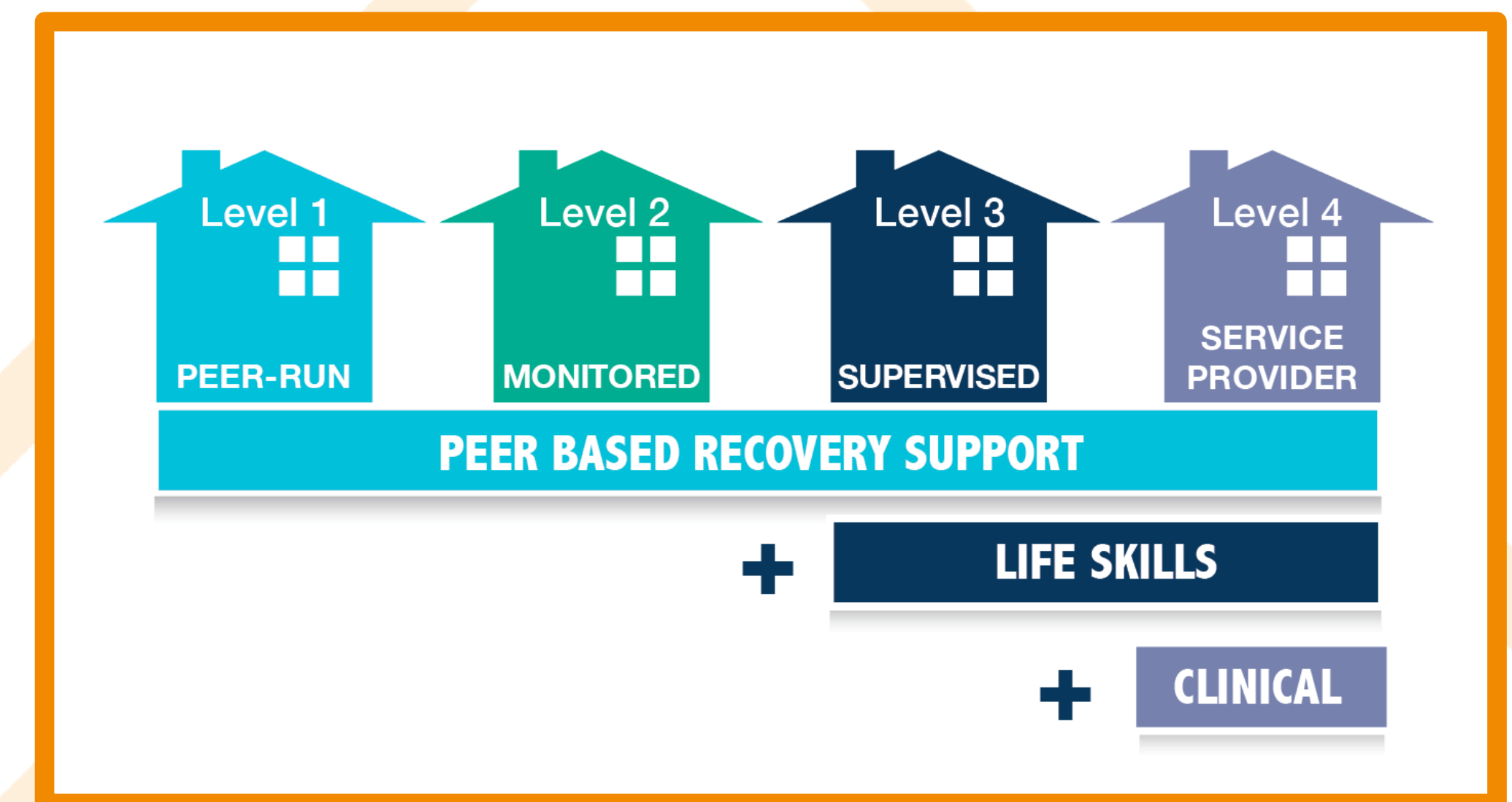


Transitional Housing

Intervention overview:

Goals:

- Provide temporary housing with affordable rent
- Offer wrap-around services for people in early recovery



Transitional Housing

Progress to date:

- Researched models and best practices
- Established regional partnerships

Next steps:

- Explore options to support existing programs serve Transylvania



Perinatal Peer Support

Intervention overview:

Goals:

- Decrease foster care placements and ACEs
- Increase engagement in prenatal care & evidence-based SUD treatment
- Decrease neonatal substance exposure rates



Perinatal Peer Support

Progress to date:

- A variety of peer support services, many new to Transylvania, serving the general population and perinatal women

Next steps:

- Continue to gather information from current models and agencies providing perinatal peer support services



Recovery Court

Intervention overview:

Goals:

- Reduce drug-related incarcerations
- Reduce number of repeat offenses
- Improve treatment outcomes



Recovery Court

Progress to date:

- Established partnerships with Henderson County's program stakeholders
- Researched process for sharing Henderson's Recovery Court

Findings:

- Barriers that must be explored and addressed include staffing capacity, transportation/relocation, how OSF can support

Next steps:

- Researching shared recovery courts in NC
- Meeting with stakeholders to explore solutions to key barriers



Next Steps

- Strategize funding and staffing options to fill the Substance Use Response Coordinator role permanently
- Continue implementing and evaluating funded interventions
- Identify sustainable long-term funding for key programs through grants and opioid settlement funds
- Further explore opportunities for funding the remaining recommended interventions



questions?





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