



Substance Abuse Connect is an effective, vision-driven, action-oriented substance abuse and behavioral health coalition, inclusive of prevention, treatment and law enforcement, striving to substantially reduce drug-related crime and addiction in the Yellowstone County community.

Activity: Improve early identification and referral to services for targeted at risk populations

Priority # Priority #3

Strategy # Strategy #5

Activity # Activity #22

Project Summary:

Targeted populations for early identification and referral include pregnant mothers, K-12 students and 18-26 year olds currently misusing substances and/or aging out of foster care.

Identification occurs via the Screening Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) or other early warning systems.

With varied populations come varied approaches and partners. Many detailed in other activities within the Prevention Priority.

Goal, Strategy & Anticipated Outcome

Pregnant mothers are the focus of a pilot program underway called Healthy SPARK. Key partners include St. Vincent Healthcare, Midwifery Clinic, Rimrock and RiverStone Health. Identifying and enrolling pregnant women and new mothers in this concierge program allows for 1-way and 2-way communication via text and call. Support and evidence-based education is offered to those at risk or engaged in substance use.

Participating in CORE (Connected Outreach Resources and Education), a network designed to create a supportive network of peers and specialists committed to reducing preterm birth rates and improving the health and survival of mom and baby aligns with the pilot program efforts.

For more information or to become more involved in this effort, please contact:

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