

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Voucher



During the 64th Legislative Session the Department of Human Services (DHS) was appropriated funding to administer a voucher system to pay for substance use disorder treatment services. The Department's Behavioral Health Division was assigned the responsibility to develop administrative rules and implement the voucher system.

The SUD Voucher program was established to address barriers to treatment and increase the ability of people to access treatment and services for substance use disorders.

GOAL ONE

Allow individual to choose provider

Objective 1.1

Increase number of providers and service options.

Objective 1.2

Service options are communicated to individuals.

GOAL TWO

Improve access to quality services

Objective 1.1

SUD Voucher providers provide evidence-based services based on individual need.

Objective 1.2

Reduce financial barriers for individuals accessing needed services.

FUNDING

2015-2017 Biennium:

\$750,000 allocated from general fund for the SUD Voucher. However, this was reduced to \$375,000 as part of the allotment. The Voucher Program was launched in July 2016 and guidance was provided to all treatment programs. Expenditures from July 2016 through June 30, 2017 totaled \$252,294.

2017-2019 Biennium:

Approximately \$5 million allocated for the SUD Voucher. Expenditures from July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018 total \$3.9 million.

IMPLEMENTATION

As of December 2018, **14 providers** have been approved and **2 providers** are in process of becoming approved.

The Division receives an average of 94 voucher applications and 138 authorization requests for new services per month.

Since its inception, around **1,800 individuals** have received services through the SUD Voucher.

The data below describes the individual applications received from July 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 (1,410)

INDIVIDUAL VOUCHER APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY PROVIDER



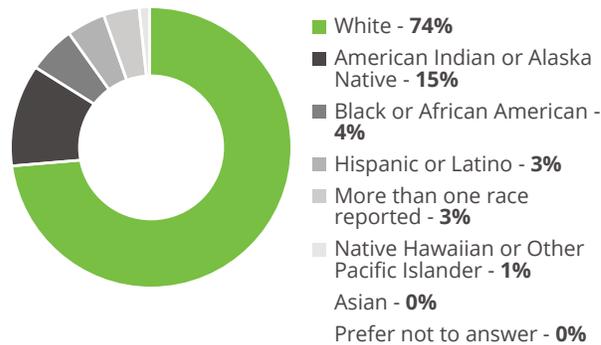
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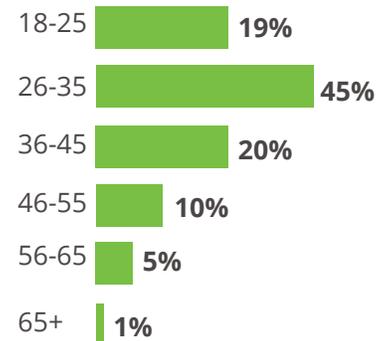
Of the participants,

- 68% were not employed
- 43.9% had GED/HS diploma
- 3.8% had a military affiliation
- 22% had dependent living environment and 20.7% homeless

RACE



AGE



OUTCOME MEASURES

Programs utilizing the SUD Voucher are required to assess each individual at the beginning and again when completing services. The outcome measure uses a 5-point rating scale (1 lowest to 5 highest). The outcomes are based on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) identified recovery dimensions:

1. **PURPOSE:** Identify the extent to which the individual participates in meaningful daily activities (employment, school, volunteering, family caretaking, other activities, etc.).
2. **COMMUNITY:** Identify the extent to which the individual's relationships and social networks provide support, friendship, love, and hope for overall wellbeing.
3. **HEALTH:** Identify how well the individual makes informed healthy choices supporting their physical health and emotional wellbeing (physical activity, attending medical appointments, taking medications as prescribed etc.)
4. **HOME:** Identify the stability and safety of the individual's living environment

All four outcomes measures increased following services reimbursed through the SUD Voucher program.

AVERAGE OUTCOME SCORES OVER TIME

