

Services Provided by Picking Up the Pieces and CFRI

Community Outreach Services:

- Homelessness Advocacy & Support (Locating encampments and providing food, water, application assistance, housing referral linkage, emotional support, miscellaneous services per need requests).
- SUD Education and Advocacy per (in)direct lived experience
- Sharing information with communal resources and agencies to bring awareness of what is really happening in our county, State/Nation (i.e. Marion county Heroin Task Force meetings, Children's Alliance, FLHRC, MCHD, etc.)
- Harm Reduction Education and Advocacy
 - HIVST & medication linkage via AIDS United
 - Safe Syringe Exchange (focal points are bodily autonomy, health preservation and prevention, decreasing the transmission of bloodborne pathogens and diseases-encouraging participants to be mindful and proactive regarding their health.) We cultivate relationships with our participants, allowing trust to be formed. The realization of the value of self is one of the most crucial turning points from active use to potentially taking the next step toward recovery (which personally, is our goal) however we still choose to respect their decision either way and keep them safe interim.
- Volunteer based 'Buddy System' which allows active users to pair with a volunteer via phone while they use. The volunteer is trained to listen for and time responses from start to finish. We will ask for their name, age, address, location, or landmark as well as the substance that they are using prior to starting and once the respondent

verifies that they are safe the call will end. If there is no response within the allotted time , emergency services will be notified and all of the details of said call are passed along. All of our participants receive Narcan and instructions of how to use it if need be, fentanyl test strips, safe using supplies, hygiene kits, informational contact cards with our information, as well as different agencies. During outreach, data is collected and we document overdoses, overdose reversals and deaths. Each participant is assigned a unique identifying number which allows us to know who they are while protecting their identity during data sharing. This program is controversial and we can see why, however our objective is to save lives. Addiction is a disease and being as such, we feel it is genuinely underserved. The contributing factors and consequences are many and the only way to fully understand it is to 1) be a person with SUD, 2) having been directly impacted by SUD whether it be a family member or close friend, 3) observing and documenting all interactions and comparing the collected data.

Recovery looks different for everyone and it is not a one size fits all model.

- CFRI provides MAT (Medication Assisted Treatment) services for opiate addiction, as well as methamphetamine and benzodiazepine to name a few
 - Education on buprenorphine and other MAT medications
 - Education on buprenorphine and other MAT to addicts and families
 - Education to PCP providers and nursing schools/programs
- SMART Recovery classes ran by SMART Recovery Facilitators
- SMART Recovery in jails and other facilities in need
- Addiction education at all allowable schools

- Daily meetings including SMART Art
- 24/7 outreach to work with Marion County CORE