Florida: Support to Communities: Fostering Opioid Recovery through Workforce Development

This project will take a three-prong approach: 1) Providing wrap-around services to individuals affected by the opioid crisis, including career, training, and employment services that will lead to employment and retention in demand occupations. Participants directly impacted by substance use disorders will receive recovery and support services. 2) Providing training to new entrants as well as incumbent workers in medical, mental health and recovery-related fields to offer several solutions to the opioid crisis: provide workers in unfilled positions (e.g. nursing); upskill workers within these fields to prepare them to better identify and respond to individuals with substance misuse disorder; and prepare individuals in recovery to become peer counselors. 3) Providing resources and training to Human Resource personnel regarding best practices for dealing with the opioid crisis in the workplace.

The target occupations include occupations related to both people affected by the opioid crisis as well as people not personally affected. They are both in the healthcare profession as well as in-demand occupations in other professional fields.

Target populations are individuals affected by the opioid crisis and individuals seeking training in medical, mental health and opioid-recovery fields, to include dislocated workers, new entrants into the workforce, and incumbent workers.