

Rural Communities Opioid Response Program – Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome 2023–2026 Project Overview

HOPE Consortium was initially formed in 2015 to address growing problems associated with opioid misuse in rural, northern Wisconsin and expanded in 2017 to include the provision of care for those affected by methamphetamine use. The partnership of organizations in northern Wisconsin grew to represent a collaborative rural model for substance use disorder treatment and recovery support and was expanded in 2020 to include a HOPE Consortium – Central Region and again in 2023 to a HOPE Consortium – West Region. From 2020–2023, the HOPE Consortium – North Region worked under the first round of Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Rural Communities Opioid Response Program – Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (RCORP-NAS) grant funding to improve integrated care and care coordination for those who were pregnant, had children, and those of childbearing age who had a history of, or who were at risk for, substance use disorder and their children, families, and caregivers. A second round of HRSA RCORP-NAS funding awarded to Family Health Center of Marshfield, Inc. (FHC) on behalf of the HOPE Consortium will allow for enhancement of these services and expansion to the entire HOPE Consortium service area from September 2023 through August 2026.

Goal: Reduce the incidence and impact of NAS in rural central, northern, and western Wisconsin through the collaborative efforts of HOPE Consortium by providing services to individuals with substance use disorder (SUD) in the target service area who are at risk of becoming pregnant, are currently pregnant, and/or have recently given birth, as well as their families.



Project Strategies			
Collaborative Infrastructure	Education, Training, and Technical Assistance	Connection to Services and Resources	Addressing Immediate Needs
 Regional Perinatal Workgroups 	Cultural Safety	 FHC Alcohol & Drug Recovery 	 Meet needs of pregnant and
 Family planning resource guides 	Lactation Education	Centers support access to:	postpartum persons:
	• Eat, Sleep, Console	- Contraception	- Transportation
	Certified Parent Peer Specialist	 Infectious disease testing 	- Childcare
	Birth and Postpartum Doula	- Perinatal Nurse	- Baby care needs
	•	 Regional resource fairs 	 Safe and sober housing

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