

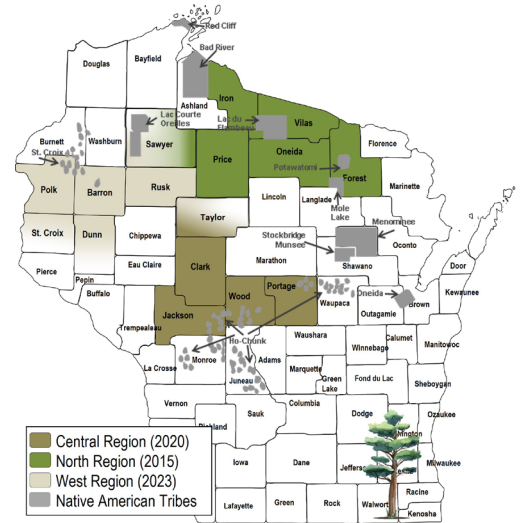
HOPE Consortium 2025 Overview

HOPE Consortium is a network of partners that initially formed in 2015 with state funding to address growing problems associated with opioid misuse in northern Wisconsin and has since expanded to address substance use related concerns in rural northern, central, and western Wisconsin. The HOPE Consortium is facilitated by Family Health Center of Marshfield, Inc (FHC).

MISSION: Coordinated and collaborative substance use prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction initiatives in northern, central, and western Wisconsin.

VISION: A rural Wisconsin that works together to support compassionate care for those affected by substance use.

Participants in the HOPE Consortium include nearly 70 agencies from 16 counties and 5 tribal nations, including Barron, Clark, Dunn, Forest, Iron, Jackson, Oneida, Polk, Portage, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, St. Croix, Taylor, Vilas, and Wood Counties and Forest County Potawatomi, Ho-Chunk, Lac du Flambeau Chippewa, and St. Croix Tribal Nations.



Financial support for the HOPE Consortium is provided in part by FHC and Roots & Wings Foundation. The activities of the HOPE Consortium fall under two primary objectives that are designed to (1) support consortium operations, align with partners, and ensure effective communication and collaboration and (2) deliver effective training and develop resources to support partners and promote best practices.

Objective 1: Strengthen the infrastructure of the HOPE Consortium and promote collaboration by maintaining a roster of at least 60 partners and hosting two regional Steering Committee meetings and two All Regions meetings.

Activities include:

- Host semi-annual regional Steering Committee and All Regions meetings
- Review and update mission, vision, and tagline to ensure relevance and alignment with evolving goals
- Pursue Shared Expectations Agreements with partners and maintain a roster and listserv to support communication
- Convene topic-specific workgroups to address partner-identified needs (e.g., Peer Support & Harm Reduction)
- Incorporate harm reduction strategies into workgroup discussions and infrastructure planning
- Maintain presence at local, regional, and state-wide meetings to foster partnerships, enhance collaborative efforts, and share information on behalf of the consortium and its partners
- Maintain and enhance HOPE Consortium website and other resources as needed

Objective 2: Utilize HOPE Consortium infrastructure to enhance service area training and technical assistance (TA) by completing an annual survey, conducting one conference, and providing at least four additional training opportunities.

Activities include:

- Develop and distribute electronic Training & TA survey to assess partner needs and priorities for the upcoming year
- Offer an annual five-session, monthly webinar series
- Provide access to professional development resources, including online ASAM training
- Cover the cost for partners to participate in relevant in-state trainings on evidence-based practices and programs
- Host annual HOPE Consortium Conference, including sessions and speakers selected to address identified topics
- Offer SBIRT training and/or additional trainings as needed

The infrastructure of the HOPE Consortium also supports:

- Regional perinatal workgroups and related programming under a Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Rural Communities Opioid Response Program – Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (RCORP-NAS) award.
- The FHC RentReady safe and sober housing program in Clark and Wood Counties, funded in part by FHC, Roots & Wings Foundation, HRSA RCORP, and community donations.

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