

A photograph of a woman with dark hair, smiling broadly and holding a young child with dark hair. They are outdoors in a grassy area with trees in the background. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent white box containing text. The right side of the image features a decorative teal and blue geometric pattern.

**Important Pieces to the Puzzle: Stakeholders Cultivating a Plan to Address Opioid Use Disorders Among Justice-Involved Individuals in East Baton Rouge Parish**

# Overview of the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site Based Program(COAP) Grant: Category 4

Category 4A is a planning grant that was awarded to LDH/OBH on September 2017 by the U.S. Dept. of Justice, Office of Justice Program (OJP), and Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA).

# The Targeted Parishes of Focus for the COAP Grant

The targeted parishes of focus for this grant within the state of Louisiana were chosen due to data showing they have the highest rates in the state for opioid-related overdose deaths, and the highest number of persons treated and hospitalized for opioid dependence. The chosen parishes of focus are:

- East Baton Rouge Parish
- Jefferson Parish
- Orleans Parish
- St. Tammany Parish

# Purpose of the COAP Committee

The main purpose of the COAP Committee is to develop a comprehensive state plan. To accomplish this the committee will:

- ▶ Address three primary goals using one or a combination of allowed initiatives
- ▶ Form subcommittees per parish with the grant coordinator
- ▶ Create individualized plans based on that parishes need regarding serving justice involved opioid dependent individuals

# Primary Goals of the State Plan

1. Engage and retain justice involved individuals with opioid use disorders in treatment and recovery services
2. Increase the use of diversion/alternatives to incarceration (for example, Day Reporting Centers)
3. Reducing the incidence of Overdose deaths

## Strategies to Address Top 4 Needs Already Identified

- Expand education and training to criminal justice and treatment practitioners.
- Increase access to transportation for OUD justice-involved individuals seeking treatment.
- Expand residential treatment beds for women and their children.
- Improve better access to recovery support services/treatment by hiring a case manager to go into the jails prior to release to help inmates apply for or reinstate Medicaid.

# How Would We Address These Needs with Future Funding?

- Which Strategy is Optimal?
- Cost Effective?
- Realistic?
- Future-Oriented?

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*Vision Without Execution  
is Hallucination! – Thomas  
Edison*

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# Developing A Plan In the Future With the Selected Need

- Action Steps (what will be done?)
- Agency responsible (who will carry it out?)
- Date (when will it take place and how long?)
- Resources required (cost?)
- Communication (who should know what?)
- Evaluation Plan (accountability?)
  - Performance measures
  - Data collection
  - Report monthly to OBH

# Website

<http://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/subhome/54>