COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS DELIVER SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT FOR THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

The Florida Department of Corrections' Bureau of Substance Use Treatment contracts with community behavioral health providers to deliver treatment programs for individuals involved in the criminal justice system. Providers administer programs in residential and outpatient settings to treat individuals with substance use disorders or co-occurring substance use disorders and mental health illnesses and conditions. By focusing on changing the behaviors that led to the addiction, programs aim to create a healthier lifestyle and contribute to the safety and security of Florida's communities.

THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS CONTRACTS WITH COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS FOR THREE TYPES OF PROGRAMS

RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT

Programs serve offenders who are sentenced to this setting as an alternative to prison. Individuals first successfully complete an intensive treatment component, and then enter the next phase that includes gaining meaningful employment in the community. This program typically ranges between 6 and 18 months, and individuals reside at the treatment facility.

OUTPATIENT

Programs provide substance use disorder treatment to offenders and their families who reside and work in their communities. This program is approximately 4- to 6 months, and individuals receive therapy a minimum of once per week.

WORK RELEASE

Programs are in community-based facilities and serve inmates transitioning from prison to the community. Individuals receive therapeutic treatment and employment opportunities to help them reenter society. The treatment component for work release programs ranges between 4 and 6 months.

INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING SERVICES IN FISCAL YEAR 2023-24

2,873

20,827

588

Whether individuals are participating in a program as they transition from prison or as an alternative to prison, programs provide



Evidence-based therapies and practices with a range of clinical services and supports, including medication-assisted treatment, to treat inmates for their substance use disorders, including the therapeutic community program model and individual, group, and family counseling.



Employment, educational, and vocational services, opportunities, and training.



Life skills, self-help programs, faith-based programs, volunteer opportunities, and community-based resources.

FLORIDA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS

Florida's community behavioral health providers serve the well-being and safety of their communities by helping individuals involved in the criminal justice system change the direction of their lives and become healthy and productive members of society. Experienced and dedicated leadership, clinical, and administrative personnel provide accessible and compassionate behavioral health care.

