



HLM RECOVERY 180

WILL COUNTY R.O.S.C. STRATEGIC PLAN

Lead Agency: Heartlife Ministries
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Council Mission: We bring community partners together to identify service gaps, improve systems of care, and help individuals and families access resources throughout Will County.

Council Vision: HLM Recovery 180 Will County R.O.S.C. Council works with community partners to strengthen services, and help individuals and families get the resources they need to heal and do well.

Needs Assessment:

Community Demographics

(Source: [Will County Demographics | Current Illinois Census Data](#))

Will County, IL: 706,406 residents

- Age: 39.1 years young - (23.6% Under 18; 61.8% working age 18-64; 14.6% Senior 65+)

Race/Ethnicity:

- White: 58.6%
- Hispanic/Latino: 19.8%
- Black/African American: 11.6%
- Asian: 6.3%
- Multiracial: 3.4%
- Native American/Other: 0.4%

Income and Poverty:

- Median household income: approximately \$109,984
- Approximately 5.5% of families in Will County live below the poverty line.

Household and Community Characteristics:

- Average household size: 2.84 persons
- Approximately 74.5% of households are family households.

Overdose/Death related Data:

- 104 drug-related deaths
- 91 accidents
- 10 suicides
- 3 undetermined cases

Will County is still strongly affected by the opioid and drug overdose crisis. Fentanyl is the main cause of overdose deaths in the area. State data from Illinois shows that opioid deaths are still happening, especially from fentanyl and similar synthetic drugs.

Council Outreach and Communication Plans:

Purpose: To help people understand dual diagnosis recovery, we will provide education, work with partners, and build a strong network to improve outcomes for people with mental health and substance use needs across all system goals.

Objectives: By following this plan, it will help:

- Increase awareness of dual diagnosis recovery
- Reduce negative views
- Connect individuals and families to needed care and resources

Target Audiences:

Audience	Purpose of Engagement	What	How
ROSC Council Members	Guide and coordinate system-wide efforts.	Share Agendas, updates, and reports.	Monthly Meetings, emails, and outreach.
Cross-System Recovery and Crisis Response Partners (EMS, law enforcement, hospitals, behavioral health, public health)	Strengthen crisis response and collaboration.	Provide Overdose Trends, protocols, referrals, and training.	Weekly-monthly email communications, Zoom meetings, shared toolkits, and outreach.
Community Recovery Collaborative Networks (housing, workforce, peer recovery, social services)	Improve recovery by connecting shared resources and referrals.	Resources, housing and workforce opportunities, events, and referrals.	Monthly Newsletters, Zoom/In-person meetings, social media, and coordination.
Youth and Family Prevention Collaboratives (schools, prevention coalitions, youth orgs, families)	Promote prevention and early intervention.	Prevention resources, school-based programs, and events.	Monthly-Quarterly School partnerships, presentations, outreach, and social media.
Lived Experience and Community Engagement Partnership (residents, advocates, individuals with lived experience)	Increase community voice and trust.	Community Initiatives, engagement opportunities, and feedback.	Monthly listening sessions, forums, emails, and outreach.

Key Messages:

- Through coordinated partnerships, Will County is strengthening how EMS, hospitals, behavioral health, and justice systems connect individuals in crisis directly to recovery support services without delay.
- Sustainable recovery happens when housing, employment, peer support, and behavioral health systems work together to remove barriers and strengthen long-term stability.

- By expanding education, Narcan training, and coordinated outreach, Will County partners are working together to reduce overdose deaths and increase community readiness.

Communication Channels & Frequency:

Communication Channel	Purpose	Frequency	Coordinating organization
Social Media Platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn)	Share recovery resources, overdose prevention information, events, and reduce negative views.	Daily to 3–5 times per week (more during campaigns or events)	ROSC Communications Lead with the County Health Department and partner communications teams.
Website and Blog Outreach	Central hub for ROSC updates, resources, events, and toolkits.	Weekly updates; Monthly blogs	ROSC Admin Support Team with lead county agency.
Email Newsletter	Update partners on meetings, events, training, funding, and alerts.	Monthly with urgent updates as needed	ROSC Communications Coordinator and partner agencies
Printed Materials (Flyers, Brochures, Posters, Resource Cards)	Share information in communities without internet access.	Updated quarterly and distributed continuously at events and partner sites	ROSC partners, hospitals, EMS, schools, and community organizations

Roles and Responsibilities

ROSC Council Coordinator: Responsible for daily coordination, implementation, and communication of ROSC activities. Serves as the main liaison between partners and community groups to keep crisis response, recovery, and prevention efforts aligned across Will County..

ROSC Council Supervisor: Provides leadership, oversight, and quality checks for ROSC operations and staff. Ensures goals are aligned, finances and programs are managed well, and partners work together across the system.

Evaluation & Feedback:

- Collect feedback from participants, partners, and stakeholders to assess the effectiveness of outreach efforts and adjust strategies to maximize reach and impact.
- Engagement Metrics: Track social media interactions (likes, shares, comments), website activity (page views, downloads), and email performance (open and click-through rates).
- Community Participation: Monitor attendance and engagement at workshops, webinars, and support groups.
- Public Awareness: Use surveys or focus groups to evaluate community knowledge of dual diagnosis and available recovery resources.
- Partnership Development: Record the number of new collaborations formed with healthcare providers, community organizations, and policymakers to expand collaborative networks.

Goal 1: Work with community partners to help people in Problem Solving Courts, Adult Redeploy Illinois, and Drug Court Alumni programs connect to recovery support, housing, jobs, peer support, and overdose prevention education by June 2028.

Objection & Strategies :

- Strengthen relationships with Problem Solving Courts, ARI programs, and Drug Court Alumni groups.
- Connect participants to recovery support services and community resources.
- Work with alumni to provide peer support, encouragement, and recovery success stories.
- Promote collaboration between courts, recovery organizations, and community partners
- Encourage alumni involvement in community outreach, education, and recovery events.

Measure	Annual Target
Community partners & Stakeholders meetings held	12 meetings
Problem Solving court, ARI and community partnerships strengthened	6 partnerships
Implementation and use of real-time referral and communication systems	80% partner participation
Recovery support referrals completed	30% increase in peer recovery connections
Cross-system trainings facilitated	4 trainings
Community-informed planning sessions and updated response protocols	6 planning sessions and 2 updated shared protocols annually

Expected Outcomes:

Short-Term (0–12 Months)	Intermediate (1–3 Years)	Long-Term (3–5 Years)
Increased collaboration problem solving courts and ARI programs between justice systems by 5%	Improved continuity of care across justice systems and recovery support by 12%	Establish a seamless countywide recovery continuum that connects individuals before during an after court involvement by 18%

Increase engagement in recovery support referrals and peer recovery connections by 18%	Strengthen community-based recovery partnerships by and referral pathways by 22%	Sustainable countywide coordination framework across systems in Will County by 35%
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Goal 2:

Educate and engage faith based communities in Recovery Support. To Increase collaboration among faith-based organizations to expand recovery support, reduce stigma, promote Certified Recovery Congregation initiatives, and strengthen long-term recovery stability throughout Will County between January 2027 and June 2028.

HLM Recovery 180 Will County R.O.S.C. will work alongside faith-based organizations to increase awareness, education, and advocacy around substance use disorder, mental health, and recovery. Through training opportunities, community conversations, resource sharing, and recovery-focused events.

We will refer faith leaders and congregations to become a Certified Recovery Congregation through Chestnut Health Systems to obtain the knowledge and tools needed to create welcoming, supportive environments for individuals and families impacted by addiction and mental health challenges. By building stronger partnerships we will help reduce stigma, increase access to resources, and promote sustainable pathways to healing and long-term recovery.

Our Current Faith-Based Partners

- Local Churches
- The Salvation Army
- Catholic Charities
- Prison Fellowship
- Morning Star Mission
- Ignite City

Objectives & Strategies

1. Conduct quarterly recovery education and stigma-reduction training for faith leaders and congregations.
2. Increase participation in the Show Up Recovery Faith-Based Leadership Network across Will County.
3. Support at least 10 faith organizations in exploring or obtaining Certified Recovery Congregation status by January of 2027.
4. Host faith and recovery awareness events and resource fairs that connect community members to local treatment, recovery, and mental health resources.

By June 2028, engage at least 25 faith-based organizations, train 150 faith leaders and volunteers, support 10 organizations in becoming Certified Recovery Congregations, and increase faith-based participation in recovery support initiatives throughout Will County

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Measure	Annual Target
Community outreach activities expanded through training and resource awareness events through our faith partnerships local churches, Shelters, faith based recovery programs Ignite City, Prison Fellowship	4 activities
Coordinated recovery strengthened referral pathways	25% Increase in referrals
Show Up Recovery roundtable discussions	4 roundtables
Faith-based organizations pursuing or obtaining Certified Recovery Congregation status	10 organizations

Expected Outcomes:

Short-Term (0–12 Months)	Intermediate (1–3 Years)	Long-Term (3–5 Years)
Increased awareness of recovery support resources across faith-based networks increase by 5%	Increased awareness of recovery support resources across faith-based networks increase by 10%	Increased awareness of recovery support resources across faith-based networks increase by 15%
Expand education among faith-based communities by 5%	Expand education among faith-based communities by 10%	Expand education among faith-based communities by 15%
Promote the certified recovery congregation certification for faith-based communities by 10%	Promote the certified recovery congregation certification for faith-based communities by 15%	Promote the certified recovery congregation certification for faith-based communities by 20%

For the past five years, HLM Recovery 180 R.O.S.C. has brought together community partners to provide education, advocacy, and recovery resource coordination throughout Will County. Moving forward, the Council will build upon these efforts by strengthening partnerships with Problem-Solving Courts, Adult Redeploy Illinois, healthcare providers, recovery organizations, faith communities, housing agencies, employers, and individuals with lived experience. Through collaboration, coordinated referrals, and community engagement, the Will County R.O.S.C. will continue to reduce barriers to recovery and create a stronger system of care that promotes hope, stability, opportunity, and long-term recovery for individuals and families.

Goals for the Next 1–5 Years

- Expand partnerships with first responders, hospitals, faith-based organizations, and community groups.
- Improve communication and coordination across coalitions to reduce service gaps.
- Increase overdose prevention education, Narcan training, and recovery support services.
- Expand access to treatment, housing, employment, and mental health referrals.
- Strengthen crisis response and follow-up systems across all counties.
- Track progress using data, outreach efforts, referrals, and recovery outcomes.
- Build a recovery-focused system that supports long-term wellness and stability for individuals and families.