**STRATEGIC PLAN: February, 2025 – February, 2027**

**BOYLE COUNTY AGENCY FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY, INC.**

**Background Information:** In developing this updated strategic plan, the Boyle County ASAP Board of Directors reviewed and considered all of the following:

1. Needs Assessment info gathered by New Vista Prevention Specialist
2. Fall, 2023 Needs Assessment conducted by Ephraim McDowell Health
3. Most recent Needs Assessment conducted by Boyle County University of Ky Extension Office.
4. The 2024 - 25 Boyle ASAP approved budget, the 2025 Harm Reduction Grant, the proposed 2026 Harm Reduction Grant, the proposed 2025-2026 Boyle ASAP budget, and the Opioid Abatement Commission funding received in late 2024.
5. Emerging local, state, and national trends - particularly high risk trends, including and data from the Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy
6. County and state data collected and reported by KIPRC
7. Continuing program information re: observed trends in the Boyle County Syringe Exchange Program
8. Continuing program information as reported by EMS follow-up social worker and Crisis Response Team social worker in monthly ASAP meetings
9. Most recent KIP Data
10. Partnership for Drug Free Kids info
11. Information regularly reported by area providers in monthly ASAP meetings
12. Identified gaps in community resources
13. Data on local need for emergency shelter and transitional housing, as compiled by the Boyle County Homeless Coalition

\*Note: Some of the following goals can be more clearly measured than others, but it is the opinion of the board members that all of these goals are important, and should be included.

\*\*Note: This plan is intended to be a flexible guiding document for program development and funding decisions; but is always open to change, as community needs change. In recent years, we have learned how quickly new substances and their accompanying problems can demand a change in community responses. Balancing responses to current problems with preventing future problems is a continuing challenge. Within the limits of funding and availability of time and human resources, Boyle County ASAP is committed to address current and emerging problems related to substance use, and to prevent the development of future problems.

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**GOALS:**

1. **Administrative/Operations**

**Goal #1:**  Improve internal and external organizational communication and dissemination of community resource information.

Tasks: Improve and do timely updates on website and social media

Regularly update local City and County government officials on the work of ASAP and local trends.

Regularly update Danville Boyle County Development Corporation and its Workforce Development Committee, and Chamber of Commerce on the work of ASAP and local trends.

Provide information to ASAP members at and between monthly meetings.

Through the availability of funding from the Opioid Abatement Commission, increase the amount of administrative/operations work by the ASAP Coordinator and reported in monthly reports.

**Goal #2:** Improve financial monitoring and long-term financial sustainability.

Tasks: As allowed in the annual budget, contract for an Annual Financial Review by a CPA

Maintain separate account, monitoring, and reporting, of Opioid Abatement funding

Work with UNITE to bring treatment and recovery housing funds to Boyle County

Increase intentional private fundraising for treatment, travel, sober living, and prevention/education events

**Goal #3:**  Improve organizational commitment to decreasing health disparities in underserved members of our community, and to increasing their full participation in community life.

Tasks: Continue to encourage reporting and sharing of the work of organizations who serve and represent our underserved community citizens

Report on health disparities research at ASAP monthly meetings, and plan local strategies accordingly

Host ASAP-sponsored events at sites which primarily serve members of communities of color and other underserved community members

1. **Harm Reduction**

**Goal #1:** Eliminate all drug overdose deaths in Boyle County.

Tasks: Provide Overdose Response trainings and distribute Naloxone as allowed by annual budget, Harm Reduction Grant, and other accessible funding sources.

Educate Boyle County citizens on importance of carrying Naloxone and knowing how to use it.

Discuss local data on overdoses and overdose deaths in monthly meetings and plan strategies accordingly.

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**Goal #2**: Decrease spread of Hepatitis C, HIV, and related health and safety problems due to

IV drug use.

Tasks: Provide advocacy and financial support t to the Harm Reduction Syringe Exchange Program at Boyle County Health Department.

Continue to educate community re: need for Harm Reduction Syringe Exchange Program and assist in promoting its positive outcomes at community education events

Continue to educate community re: prevention of Hepatitis C and HIV, and available

testing and treatment.

Provide funding through the Opioid Abatement grant for a Harm Reduction program

Staff member.

**Goal #3:** Prevent the misuse of medications in Boyle County homes by children and adults.

Tasks: Provide financial support to Police and Sheriff’s Department Drug Drop Boxes

Promote the use of all Drug Drop Boxes located in the community

As per indicators in KIP data and Child Fatality reports, educate community adults re: the dangers of unused and unsecured medications in homes through presentations, website, and social media postings

1. **Prevention and Education**

**Goal #1:** Every kindergarten through post-secondary student in Boyle County shall have age appropriate alcohol, drug, and tobacco/nicotine education each academic year.

Tasks: Partner with school systems to provide funding, information, and resource people as per their identified needs and requests, and with evidence-based strategies a priority when possible

Partner with school systems, churches, and other groups, to develop youth coalitions who can assist with educating other youth re: substance use and related mental health issues

**Goal #2:** Every educator in the public and private school systems of Boyle County shall have annual continuing education in substance use and related mental health issues.

Task: Partner with school system administrators to provide staff face-to-face, print, or web-based training in relevant substance abuse issues.

**Goal #3:** Every parent/guardian of children and youth in kindergarten through high school in all local school systems shall receive annual education on substance use and parenting.

Tasks: Partner with schools and provide regular educational programs to the general parenting public.

Improve website links and social media information to direct people to substance use parenting information.

Provide parent information at community events

**Goal #4:** Support and collaborate with existing community programs to lower risk factors for the development of substance use disorders, increase protective factors, and increase help-seeking early in the development of problems

Tasks: Provide financial support to area high school Project Graduations

Provide financial support to Truth and Consequences program

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Provide financial support, program collaboration, and planning to Arts Commission for primary prevention plays/videos

Provide resiliency workshop experiences through the Opioid Abatement funding, for community youth whose parents are in treatment, or now in recovery from Opioid Use Disorders.

Collaborate with other community organizations such as Heart of Ky United Way, HANDS Program, DCBS, and treatment programs, to develop and maintain capacity-building community programs which address primary and secondary prevention of substance use disorders and related mental health disorders.

**Goal #5:** Educate local employers on substance use disorders and hiring people in recovery

Tasks: Partner with other organizations to provide workshops on Substance Use and Workplace issues and Fair Chance Employment.

Regularly share updated information on local prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery resources with local employers.

Collaborate on workforce issues by participation in the local Workforce Development Committee.

**Goal #6:** Lower community stigma re: Substance Use Disorders.

Tasks: Provide community anti-stigma education to designated community groups, with an emphasis on those who work closely with community member who have SUDs and their families.

Provide community anti-stigma education to general public

Intentionally include and recommend persons in long-term recovery be included in community leadership initiatives.

1. **Treatment and Recovery**

**Goal #1:** Continue to improve treatment access for Boyle Countians in need of treatment for substance use disorders.

Tasks: Continue to accept donations from individuals and organizations for treatment and travel to treatment for individuals with no other payor source for treatment, and process requests for use of those funds

Provide support and advocacy for the use of Casey’s Law to families of those with untreated substance use disorders

Work with UNITE staff to increase funding for treatment vouchers for Boyle County residents.

**Goal #2:** Assist in improving public transportation and child care for Boyle Countians to

attend treatment, recovery groups, and employment.

Task: Advocate for, and work with, community decision makers to plan and implement

Improved accessibility to transportation.

Advocate for increase in local child care availability, and publicize availability to ASAP members, for the clients they serve.

**Goal #3:**  Develop accessible and affordable detoxification treatment located in Boyle

County.

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Task: Continue to evaluate, and advocate for Boyle County detoxification services for a variety of substances.

**Goal #4:**  Improve current programs and support emerging initiatives which assist families struggling with the stressors of active addiction and recovery in their family members.

Tasks:

Partner with Hope Network and individual churches to provide substance use disorder information and support to community pastors and faith leaders

Provide print materials for families in community locations, such as the Public Library, and web-based materials for family support.

Partner with Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (PAL) to publicize their group meetings, and cosponsor informational programs.

**Goal #5:** Increase number of people who stop smoking, vaping, and other tobacco/nicotine

use in Boyle County.

Tasks: Assist in providing financial support to the Boyle County Health Department Smoking Cessation program and publicize it through ASAP meetings and member contact list.

Provide educational information to schools for distribution to students and families

re: smoking, vaping, and other tobacco/nicotine use

**Goal #6:** Increase community awareness of, and contribute to, the quality of area treatment and recovery programs.

Tasks: Provide funding as requested by programs, and as available, to support quality, researched program materials and continuing education for staff.

Assist area programs in recruitment of new treatment and prevention staff.

Publicize to the community updated treatment and recovery program information

**Goal #7:** Increase the number of emergency shelter, transitional sober living, and reentry living opportunities in Boyle County.

Tasks: Work with potential providers of transitional living to secure funding, maneuver local

planning and zoning requirements, and increase referrals to the available programs.

Work with other groups, such as the Homelessness Coalition to increase emergency housing options in Boyle County.

Continue to utilize donated funds, as available, for transitional sober living assistance

Facilitate the use of UNITE funds for recovery housing in Boyle County.

1. **Enforcement**

**Goal #1:**  Improve training and support of members of local law enforcement re: substance abuse, mental health, and related issues.

Tasks: Work with law enforcement to provide support and relevant training as identified by and requested by law enforcement leaders

Continue to support and thank law enforcement and other first responders to provide

the annual “First Responders Thank You Lunch”

**Goal #2:** Advocate for, and support that substance use and mental health disorder

treatment programs be included in jail and prison incarceration, and diversion programs be

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available.

Tasks: Support and provide funds when available for treatment materials in the Boyle

County Detention Center and Northpoint Training Center.

Provide education to area elected decision makers re: the value of treatment over

Incarceration only.

Assist Drug Court staff and participants in resources and support needed for the

successful completion of the court’s participants

Through Opioid Abatement funding, provide MOUD as a treatment option in the

Boyle County Detention Center, for inmates diagnosed with OUD, and monitor treatment

outcomes, and report outcomes to the Opioid Abatement Commission as required.

**Goal #3:** Pass a Smoke-Free Ordinance for public spaces in Boyle County.

Tasks: Work with University of Kentucky BREATHE, Boyle County Fiscal Court, and other

key local officials and the general public to provide information on second hand smoke

effects, and the need for an enforceable county-wide Smoke-free ordinance.