



# Community Supervision and Treatment of Individuals With Substance Use Disorder: Challenges and Opportunities for Governors and State Officials



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#### **Overview of the Roundtable**

- In December 2020, officials from seven states shared their challenges and innovative approaches to improving community supervision of individuals with SUD.
- The states represented were Arkansas, Delaware, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri,
   Pennsylvania, and Tennessee.
- With many individuals released from incarceration to probation and parole as well as sentenced directly to supervision, addressing the SUD treatment needs and the risk of overdose within this population is a key priority for governors and state officials.
- A key priority of COSSAP is to promote public safety and support access to recovery services in the criminal justice system.
- Final Report can be found here: <a href="https://www.nga.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/RTI Community Supervision and Treatment of Individual s With Substance Use Disorder.pdf">https://www.nga.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/RTI Community Supervision and Treatment of Individual s With Substance Use Disorder.pdf</a>

### **Key Themes**

The common challenges and opportunities articulated by state participants fell under the following three main themes:

- 1. Addressing divergent views on public safety risks through crossagency coordination and partnership.
- 2. Ensuring access to community-based SUD treatment through increased planning and use of innovative strategies.
- 3. Implementing evidence-based practices for community supervision that align with SUD treatment goals.



# **Theme 1:** Addressing Divergent Views on Public Safety

**Challenge:** Defining Public Safety Risks and Goals

**Opportunity**: Increasing Cross-Agency Coordination

Identifying a common vision for public safety and determining how health and community corrections systems can work together to further that vision is critical



## Theme 2: Ensuring Access to Community-Based SUD Treatment

#### **Challenges:**

- Ensuring Continuity of Care and Identification of Treatment Needs
- Addressing Funding Gaps
- Increasing Treatment Capacity

#### **Opportunities:**

- Improving In-Reach Coordination and Screening Processes
- Leveraging Grant Resources and Looking to Innovative Strategies
- Identifying Treatment Gaps and Utilizing Innovative Strategies for Treatment Access

# **Theme 3:** Implementing Evidence-Based Supervision Practices

#### **Challenges:**

- Understanding Treatment Needs Within Community Supervision Populations
- Existing Barriers Within Supervision Policies

#### **Opportunities:**

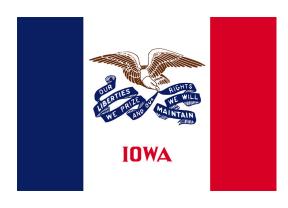
- Addressing the Culture of Supervision and Reducing Stigma
- Aligning Supervision Policies and Practices With Treatment Goals



### **State Perspectives**



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