

# Cross-sector Collaboration Site Visit Opportunity: Justice and Community Partnerships to Address Substance Use

## Peer Site Visit Opportunity

June 13–14, 2024  
Montgomery County, Ohio

### Introduction

The Institute for Intergovernmental Research (IIR), on behalf of the [State Justice Institute \(SJI\)](#), is pleased to announce a peer exchange opportunity on June 13–14, 2024, in partnership with the Bureau of Justice Assistance's [Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program \(COSSUP\)](#). Up to six communities will be selected to receive travel scholarships through SJI to participate. These travel scholarships will allow each community to send a team of three to four practitioners to participate in the structured, 2-day peer exchange at no cost.

The peer exchange will be based in Montgomery County, Ohio, a community in the western part of the state that includes the city of Dayton. Throughout the 2-day site visit, the six visiting teams will have the opportunity to learn about and

observe the many successful aspects of Montgomery County's comprehensive, multidisciplinary substance use response, including:

- ◀ The **Get Recovery Options Working (GROW) program**. GROW is a coordinated, multidisciplinary, mobile crisis response team that includes staff members from the Dayton Police Department, emergency medical technicians from the Dayton Fire Department, and a Certified Peer Supporter. GROW responds to opioid overdose calls across the city of Dayton and connects overdose survivors and their family and friends with treatment, recovery support services, overdose prevention education, and community outreach.
- ◀ **Utilizing peer support services**. Dayton and Montgomery County use peer support services—delivered by people who have common life experiences with the people whom they are serving—in a number of ways, including with a Quick Response Team (QRT), a comprehensive and highly successful group that responds to overdoses and other crises and provides follow-up. Peers



also provide services for individuals across the broader continuum of care throughout the entire community.

◀ **The Conversation for Change initiative.**

Conversation for Change meetings are community events that were born out of a partnership among East End Community Services, the Dayton Police Department, the Dayton Mediation Center, and Wright State University to bring information about addiction treatment and other resources to community members who use drugs. These peer-led meetings are held every other month.

- ◀ The **Montgomery County Family Treatment Court (FTC)**, a collaborative program between Montgomery County Juvenile Court and Montgomery County Job & Family Services, Children Services Division, that specializes in serving families who are involved with Children Services and are dealing with a substance use disorder. The primary focus of the FTC is to reduce the number of days that children are in out-of-home placement by providing judicial oversight and intensive case management and identifying and removing barriers to providing a safe and stable home for the children. The FTC also maintains strong relationships with many community partners who support these efforts.

Through this peer exchange, visiting teams can discuss and share best practices, exchange ideas and knowledge, and engage in peer networking events. Visiting teams also will be provided opportunities to meet and process the information as a team.

To learn more about Dayton/Montgomery County's and other communities' efforts to increase collaboration to address substance use, please read [Cross-sector Collaboration Between Law Enforcement, Courts, Child Welfare, and Schools to Address the Impact of Substance Use Disorders on Children and Families in the United States.](#)

## Eligibility

To be eligible for this technical assistance opportunity, a community must meet the following criteria:

- ◀ Assemble a cross-sector team that includes at least three of the four sectors identified in the technical assistance request requirements—a representative from law enforcement, courts, child welfare, and/or the local school system.

## Benefits If Selected

Sites that are selected for the initiative will:

- ◀ Receive travel scholarships for up to four team members to participate in a 2-day site visit to Montgomery County on June 13–14, 2024 (as well as additional travel days required based on home location). Travel scholarships will cover airfare, lodging, ground transportation, and daily meal per diems. Participants will be reimbursed for their actual allowable expenses.
- ◀ Have a meaningful opportunity to learn from other practitioners working to address substance use in their communities and to learn from one another.

## Peer Site Visit Request Requirements

Sites interested in this TTA opportunity should review the requirements carefully. Sites must commit to the participation of a diverse group of stakeholders to be considered for this TTA opportunity. **Sites must commit to a team consisting of three to four sectors (identified below):**

### Mandatory Team Members

1. A judge or judicial officer who has jurisdiction over child welfare or family court matters
2. A representative from a local law enforcement agency

3. A representative from a child welfare or child-serving agency
4. A representative from the local school system

These four individuals will receive a travel scholarship to cover airfare, lodging, ground transportation, and daily meal per diems. Participants will be reimbursed for their actual, allowable expenses.

### Peer Site Visit Request Timeline

Request forms will be reviewed and approved on a rolling basis, with submissions received by May 2, 2024, receiving priority consideration. Submissions will not be accepted after May 16, 2024.

### Peer Site Visit Request Submission

Interested sites should submit their requests by completing this [form](#). A PDF version of the questions is available [here](#). Once sites have completed the form and saved their responses, they will receive a confirmation of receipt.

### Questions

Should sites have any questions about completing this form or have submission issues, they should email [COSSUP@iir.com](mailto:COSSUP@iir.com).

### Peer Site Visit Request Checklist

\_\_\_\_\_ [Technical Assistance Request Form](#)

Visit the COSSUP Resource Center at [www.cossup.org](http://www.cossup.org).

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