



Spotlight on EPI Plus - Lake

County Name:

Lake County

Budget Allocation:

\$4,712,690 Million Dollars

County Program Information & Summary:

Presently, the program does not offer high-fidelity Supported Employment. Through Case Management, the program can provide some supports around vocational functioning. The program seeks to enhance the co-occurring integrated SUD Services; this represents an area of growth. A structured weight-management program is not available to help support participants with managing metabolic issues related to treatment. Also, the program capacity is limited due to low staffing. Lake is a small, rural County but has a high demand for services due to the overall population experiencing significant risk factors, such as poverty, trauma and toxic stress. The program also does not provide a structured curriculum for family education and support.

With this grant, the program would be able to significantly expand services and obtain training to make current services more robust. The program aims to obtain formal training on the use of the SIPS and also CBT and ME for treatment-resistant symptoms of psychosis. The program would also be able to implement a Supported Employment program which would require training and staffing. Additionally, this would allow for an increase in the psychoeducational groups offered to both participants and families. The program hopes to include integrated co-occurring treatment with the addition of a substance use treatment counselor or a mental health professional credentialed to provide substance use disorder counseling.

Lastly, this grant would expansion in providing trainings to the community on the identification of at-risk youth and youth already experiencing potential prodromal symptoms. Just this year, the program established a distinct team. The team expanded from a single clinician specializing in early psychosis to a team leader/waivered mental health clinician, a mental health rehab specialist, and a mental health case manager. The program is also working on integrating more with prevention staff through our MHSA programming to increase outreach and engagement to community partners who serve this population and who are in a position to potentially identify youth at-risk of or currently experiencing early onset of psychosis. The program is beginning to implement the Structured Interview for Prodromal Symptoms (SIPS) and will use this as an assessment tool to determine eligibility for these services.