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CASE STUDY

Reimagining Recovery: Santa Fe Recovery

In 2019, as CHRISTUS St. Vincent was in the process of completing the Community Health Needs Assessment in partnership with community leaders and service providers, it became clear that substance use would continue to be a priority issue for Santa Fe and surrounding areas. The data showed a trend in overdose rates and alcohol related deaths that told a harrowing story.

While service providers and treatment experts recognize substance use as a coping mechanism for trauma and mental health issues, the outcomes in our population indicated a greater need than the system of care was providing. Community Health leadership at CHRISTUS St. Vincent pulled together leaders and direct care staff from the Emergency, Behavioral Health, and Community Health departments and collaborated with the Santa Fe Recovery Center to develop a strategy to improve outcomes.

Anchorum St. Vincent recognized the opportunity to support a more cohesive system of care by providing catalytic funding at exactly the right time. With a new strategy, designed by the experts who have been providing care to this population for years and aligned with City and County plans, Anchorum, CHRISTUS St. Vincent, and the Santa Fe Recovery Center set the goal of building a path to recovery for patients with chemical dependency.

The initial funding from Anchorum supported the Santa Fe Recovery Center to expand from social detoxification services to medically monitored inpatient detox services. This expanded the patient population served to increase clinical oversight, increase the level of complexity care for patients that could be safely admitted for treatment, and decreased the need for patients to go through emergency departments as the only path into detox services.

Since then, the Santa Fe Recovery Center has not only completed the licensing requirements to expand their level of care for detoxification, but also added to their services in other ways that are responsive to community needs. By creating a program for mothers with young children to enter residential treatment, Santa Fe Recovery Center is decreasing the stigma and burden on this very important population, and possibly preventing generational trauma for children with parents in need of treatment services.