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RURAL COMMUNITIES OPIOID RESPONSE PROGRAMS (RCORP)

HRSA RCORP GRANTS

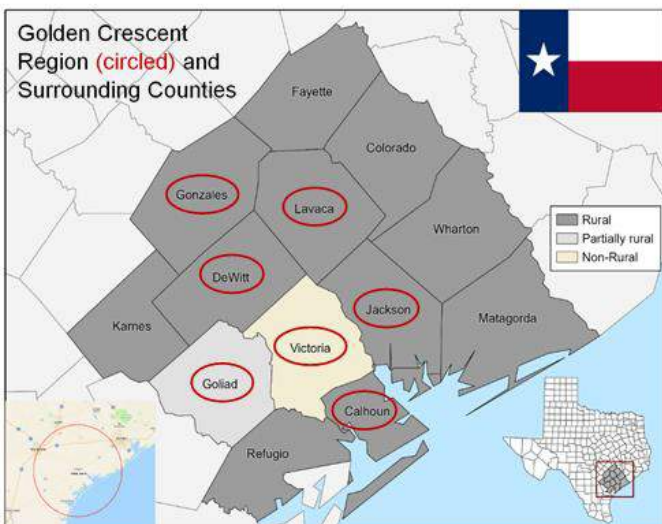
In fall 2020, Texas A&M University College of Nursing completed a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) Planning grant assessing prevention, treatment and recovery resources to address substance use disorder (SUD) and opioid use disorder (OUD) in the rural Texas Golden Crescent. Stakeholders developed a consortium to promote collaborative and sustainable plans to address rural opioid- and substance-related morbidity and mortality. This collaborative groundwork led to successive Implementation and Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) RCORP awards.

GOLDEN CRESCENT RECOVERY ORIENTED COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE (GC-ROCC)

Awarded in summer 2020, the \$1 million, three-year **Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) Implementation grant** from HRSA supports expansion of ongoing efforts to address the challenges of SUD and OUD in the rural Golden Crescent Region of Texas. The project established a community-led **Golden Crescent ROSC (Recovery Oriented System of Care)** as a growing network of clinical and non-clinical services and support to reduce SUD/OUD morbidity and mortality by improving prevention, treatment and/or recovery services.

CG-ROCC PROJECT GOALS:

- Increase awareness of SUD/OUD and associated stigma
- Provide SUD/OUD resources for prevention, treatment and recovery
- Increase and leverage capacity for prevention, treatment and recovery services for SUD/OUD
- Develop a peer recovery support specialist (PRSS) program



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GOLDEN CRESCENT CHILDREN'S ADVOCATES FOR RECOVERY EQUITY (GC-CARE)

Awarded in summer 2020, this \$500,000, three-year **Rural Communities Opioid Response Program-Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (RCORP-NAS) grant award** allows expansion of ongoing efforts to support women, children, and families in rural areas impacted by opioid and/or substance use disorders.

In Texas, 52% of child fatalities caused by maltreatment and 68% of cases where children were removed from their homes were related to parent or caregiver substance use. The **Golden Crescent Children's Advocates for Recovery Equity (GC-CARE)** is an initiative designed to reduce the incidence and impact of neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS). NAS is a group of conditions caused by withdrawal from certain drugs an infant is exposed to before birth. GC-CARE aims to increase access to quality care, strengthen family support systems and address social determinants of health that contribute to substance use in rural communities.

PURPOSE: Reduce incidence and impact of NAS and consequences of SUD/ODU on women and families in the rural Golden Crescent region.

FOCUS AREA: Increase recovery capital.

OVERALL GOALS:

- Build consortium capacity.
- Increase recovery capital to support pregnant women, mothers and women of childbearing age with a history of, or at-risk for, SUD/ODU and their families.

