

A photograph of the Pensacola State University campus. In the center is a tall, white clock tower with a brown top section and a clock face. To the left of the tower is a tall American flag on a pole. The background shows a large, modern university building with a dark roof, surrounded by many tall, green pine trees. The sky is blue with some light clouds. In the foreground, there is a paved walkway and a grassy area with some bushes.

PENSACOLA STATE  **C.A.R.E.S.**
CRISIS ACTION REFERRAL EFFORT FOR STUDENTS

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Background

- Ready for the journey, grant funding put gas in the tank:
 - One of four institutions in the Florida College System with no mental health provision for students
 - Administration recognized problem
 - Unofficial crisis referral ongoing
 - Applied for Cohort 5
 - In absence of funding, administration exploring solutions

SPRC Substance Abuse and Suicide Prevention Collaboration Continuum



Developing Provider Partnerships

- Exploring existing relationships –
 - Engaging the right people in the right organizations
 - Do they have the power/authority for formal relationships
- What services can we offer to the provider?
 - Participation in specific gatekeeper “Train the Trainer” training
 - Notification of other professional development opportunities
 - Promotion of services to students
 - Invitations to participate in student events



Services for Students

- Working on referral process giving students priority
- Behavioral and Mental health Capacity Project
 - Increasing awareness of what's available
- Developing coalition
 - Community
 - What can they do?
 - College
 - What can we do?

Partners



Coordinating/
Formal

Lakeview Center



BAPTIST HEALTH CARE

Cooperating/
Emerging

Cooperating/
Emerging



Coordinating/
Formal



University of
West Florida

● Lakeview Center – formal MOU

- Offer more than 60 programs and services to provide solutions for children, teens, adults and families
- Sliding fee scale
 - Participate in training, student events

● University of West Florida – formal MOU

- GLS Cohort 5 grantee
 - Meetings
 - Seeds of Hope 5K
 - Suicide Prevention Week activities – joint/shared information

● Faith and Hope – working on formal MOU

- Provide professional counseling from a Christian perspective
- Services available to people of all beliefs, ages, and backgrounds.
- Only other sliding fee scale provider in town
- Student referral before grant, building on that relationship
- Direct contact with director for student services

● Bradford Health Services – Emerging

- Dedicated to the delivery of high-quality care at a reasonable cost.
- Contacted the college
- Substance abuse treatment only
- Insured individuals only; however, will help uninsured secure services elsewhere

Challenges

- Time
- Money
 - Importance recognized because there is not enough funding in the grant for all activities
- Lack of collaboration in the community
 - Everyone wants to work with the college; not so much with each other
- Community effort for mental health
- Acknowledgement in our community/region that suicide is a public health issue