



Iowa's Integration Project

What is Iowa's Integration Project?

Iowa's new *Promoting the Integration of Primary and Behavioral Health Care (PIPBHC)* grant is a five-year project awarded to the Iowa Department of Public Health Division of Behavioral Health (IDPH) by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration- Center for Mental Health Services (SAMHSA-CMHS). The purpose of this project is to:

- promote full integration and collaboration in clinical practice between primary and behavioral health care;
- support the improvement of integrated care models for primary and behavioral health care to improve overall wellness and physical health status of adults with serious mental illness (SMI) and adults with substance use disorders (SUD);
- promote and offer integrated care services related to screening, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of mental and substance use disorders, and co-occurring physical health conditions and chronic diseases.

Iowa's Integration Project will accomplish these objectives through the utilization of a person-centered integrated care team approach to address the whole person's health and wellness.

Which programs will carry out Iowa's Integration Project?

Iowa's Integration Project (Iowa PIPBHC) is a joint partnership between substance use disorder treatment programs across the state and Federally Qualified Health Centers in Polk, Scott and Woodbury counties, and at Camp Dodge, home to the Iowa Army National Guard.

How does the Iowa's Integration Project build on the successes of integrated health care services in Iowa?

Iowa's Integration Project will utilize the foundation created by the Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) project, an integration initiative funded by SAMHSA in Iowa from 2012-2017. Iowa implemented SBIRT as a co-located model for bidirectional care between substance use disorder treatment programs and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCS) in four communities and the Iowa Army National Guard (IAANG).

What is Iowa's Integration Project population of focus?

Through utilization of an Integrated Care Team, Iowa's Integration Project will focus on adults with a substance use disorder. Sub-populations of focus will include individuals with a substance use disorder and chronic physical health conditions, a serious mental illness, or both. Services will include early intervention, assessment and diagnosis, person centered treatment planning, evidenced based practices, and recovery support services for primary and behavioral health care need of individuals with substance use disorders.

What are Recovery Support Services?

Recovery Support Services help people enter into and navigate systems of care, remove barriers to recovery, stay engaged in the recovery process, and live full lives in communities of their choice. Recovery Support Services in Iowa's Integration Project will include services such as Child Care, Education, Transportation, Recovery Peer Coaching, Supplemental Needs and Vocational Training.

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