

Regional Substance Use Prevention Integration Centers (RSUPIC)

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The Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery's Bureau of Prevention Services has collaborated with the Division of Family and Community Services' Office of Community and Positive Youth Development to launch the **Regional Substance Use Prevention Integration Centers (RSUPIC)**. The following six RSUPIC grants are part of the State and Regional Substance Use Prevention Program.

The following providers will focus on assessing and integrating substance use prevention into existing youth serving programs within their assigned service areas:

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Why is this work important and...What will the RSUPICs do?

We recognize that the past few years have been challenging for many of our youth. In an effort to help increase health equity around substance use prevention the RSUPIC program is looking to collaborate with organizations to help support our youth. We also know that youth need comprehensive education and information related to multiple behavioral health topics that will help decrease risk factors associated with substance use. There is so much great work happening in the state on behalf of youth, and this project seeks to provide additional support, guidance, education, and resources. RSUPICs will work with providers and other interested entities within their assigned regions to help integrate evidence-based substance use prevention services into existing youth-focused programs. **RSUPIC staff will:**

1. Conduct a scan of prevention (pregnancy, violence, suicide, bullying, etc.) services in the region to see what already exists and where there may be gaps.
2. Conduct outreach with prevention organizations in the area to engage in integration of current services to include substance use prevention. The RSUPIC staff will engage with providers to assess specific local needs and to brainstorm potential ways to meet those needs. This could include (but would not be limited to) access to prevention materials, training, and technical assistance.
3. Develop a regional advisory board consisting of multiple prevention organizations from the area to provide guidance and support of the integration work to be completed.
4. Function as the regional substance use prevention subject matter expert and use available data sources to understand regional trends.

How can I help?

Contact your region's assigned agency/individual, listed above, for more information regarding the Regional Substance Use Prevention Integration Centers.