

CITIZEN CENTRIC REPORT



FISCAL YEAR 2025



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS SUBSTANCE ABUSE, ADDICTION & REHABILITATION PROGRAM



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The **SUBSTANCE ABUSE, ADDICTION & REHABILITATION PROGRAM**, under the Office of the Governor, established the Hinemlu O'hala Para Enteramenti - H.O.P.E. Recovery Center (HOPE). HOPE is dedicated to providing quality clinical care and social services to individuals struggling with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and educational support for their families.

SAAR was developed through the reestablishment of the Special Assistant for Substance Abuse & Rehabilitation position under the Executive Order 2018-07.

The **HOPE RECOVERY CENTER** provides an evidence based residential treatment program through the Matrix Treatment & Moral Reconciliation Therapy Models, life skills classes, intense case management, with the support of a 24-hour staffed, safe & sober living environment.

The **COMMUNITY OUTREACH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM** provides a platform for key stakeholders such as WIA, CNMI Youth Affairs, NMC CREES 4-H Program, NMTech, and others to offer services to individuals in recovery, combating substance addiction, dealing with criminal charges, serving time, as well as youth and family members.

SUBSTANCE TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION (STAR) PROGRAM operates under the Community Partnership Program, providing outpatient and aftercare services that promote recovery, resilience, and reintegration into the community. The STAR Program offers structured group sessions, peer-led support, relapse prevention, life skills development, and continued recovery maintenance for individuals seeking to sustain a substance-free lifestyle. While the youth and family component of the program is still in its developmental phase, the STAR team is actively collaborating with community partners to bring this component to life. This initiative will focus on youth career development and leadership, family wellness, recreation, and cultural preservation as essential elements of prevention and long-term recovery. The STAR Program relies heavily on partnership-based collaboration, recognizing that no single agency can meet all recovery and prevention needs alone. Through collective action, shared resources, and community engagement, STAR ensures that every individual receives the support they need.

MISSION

EMPOWER individuals struggling with substance use and addictions to achieve long-term recovery and regain control of their lives through comprehensive support and resources.

VISION

EMPOWERING the CNMI to build and enhance the quality of life for individuals through leadership & action.

PURPOSE

To PROVIDE the opportunity for members of the community to access and avail of substance abuse and addictions treatment.





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HOPE RECOVERY CENTER RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

INDIVIDUALS SERVED FROM
SEPTEMBER 2024 - OCTOBER 2025

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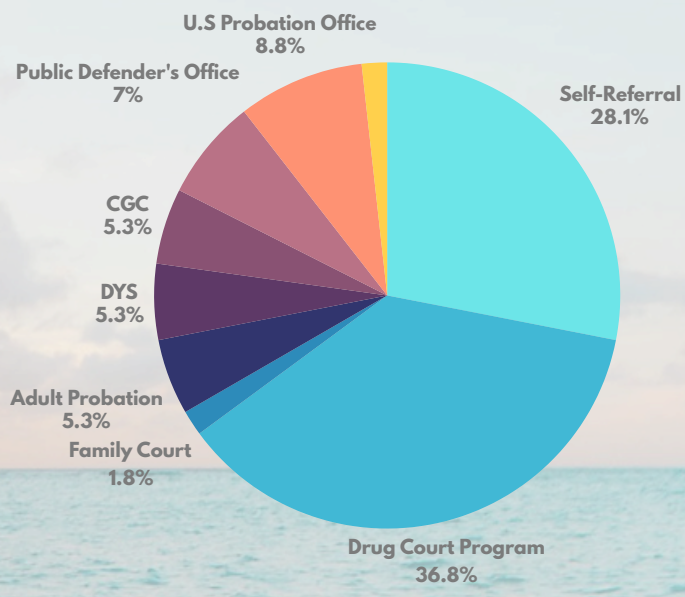
- Residential Treatment Services
- Assessments
- Crisis Intervention
- Case Management

CK OUTREACH PARTNERSHIP & STAR PROGRAM

INDIVIDUALS SERVED FROM
SEPTEMBER 2024 - OCTOBER 2025

33

- Assessments
- Aftercare Services
- Re-Entry Services
- Crisis Intervention
- Case Management
- Outpatient Services
- Outreach Events



Meeting with our US Delegate, Congresswoman Kim King-Hinds to address our issues here in the CNMI.



DOC Proclamation Signing, SAAR Team with DOC Commissioner Anthony Torres.



SAAR Team with our KKMP Family, sharing our services.



Team CNMI at 2025 All Rise in Orlando, FL



Presentation of services for the Honorable Chief Judge Ramona Manglona, Honorable Magistrate Judge Heather Kennedy and the US District Court team.



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FINANCES, TRAINING & OUTREACH EVENTS



FY 2025 APPROPRIATIONS

The Substance Abuse, Addiction & Rehabilitation (SAAR) Program was awarded a budget of \$360,975 for personnel costs, and all others of \$3,610.

FY 2025 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- NMI Judiciary Treatment Court Summit
- RISE 2025
- QPR Gatekeeper Training for Suicide Prevention
- NMC-UCEDD: Possibilities & Pathways to Advocacy Training
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- Supporting Recovery That's Integrated for Co-Occurring Disorders Dangers of Youth Vaping
- TOT Peer Recovery (Training of Trainers)
- Virtual Training on Supporting LGBTQ+
- Survivors of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence
- Youth and Young Adult Support Space Office
- Peers and Clinicians Together
- SART Workshop (Sexual Assault Response Team)
- The Role of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics in Advancing Systems of Care for Children and Families
- Legacy of Strength and Scars: Trauma and Family Narratives in Women's Leadership
- Marianas Youth Leadership Series: Youth Facilitator & Peer Mentor Training Saipan, August 2025
- Children Exposed to Domestic Violence Training
- CHCC-CGC First Episode Psychosis Workshop
- Guam 6th Annual Behavior Health & Addictions Conference
- Bundle Munis Training
- Stay Safe Online: Cybersecurity Training Awareness

FY 2025 OUTREACH EVENTS

- Career Day at Francisco Mendiola Sablan Middle School , April 2025
- Treatment Court Month: Walk for Recovery, May 2025
- Roadside Waving for Treatment Court Month, May 2025
- U.S. District Court Site Visit, May 2025
- DYS Wellness Within Reach at Chalan Kanoa Community Outreach Partnership Office, May 2025
- Liberation Day Parade, July 2025
- NMCADSV 2nd Quarterly SART Meeting , July 2025
- PRAM Proclamation Signing, September, 2025
- PRAM Light Up the Night, September, 2025
- PRAM Hike for Recovery, September, 2025
- IAO Cultural Heritage Month Presentations at NMI Museum, September 2025
- NMCADSV 3rd Quarterly SART Meeting, September 2025
- PRAM Family Fun Day, September 2025
- KKMP Radio Show Recovery and Beyond Kickoff, September 2025
- IAO Cultural Heritage Month Outreach Presentation at Hopwood Middle School, September 2025
- Guam 6th Annual Behavioral Health and Addictions Virtual Conference, September 2025
- IAO Cultural Heritage Month Roadside Waving, September 2025
- DVAM Proclamation Signing, October 2025
- Recovery & Beyond - KKMP Radio, October 2025
- PRAM Real Talk Forum, October 2025
- OYA Youth Empowerment Month Proclamation Signing, October 2025
- National 4-H Week Proclamation Signing & Family Fun Fair, October 2025





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The **HOPE Recovery Center**, plans to renovate two complementary facilities, a Recreational Center and a Transitional Home that together support holistic recovery, wellness, and community reintegration for individuals on their journey to long-term stability and independence.

Some core objectives for this project include:

- Promote holistic healing through physical activity, social connection, and creative expression.
- Provide safe, structured housing for individuals transitioning from treatment to independent living.
- Equip participants with life, work, and coping skills essential for sustained recovery.
- Foster community engagement by connecting participants with volunteers, mentors, and local organizations.

The **STAR Program**, envisions a future where every person in recovery adult or youth is supported through strong partnerships, evidence based care and opportunities for personal growth. In collaboration with the NMC 4-H Program, SAAR will provide support to youth and families affected by substance use disorders, focusing on education, resilience building, youth and family engagement activities.

We will continue to

- Strengthen outpatient and aftercare services
- Develop and launch the Youth & Family component
- Strengthen partnerships and Community Engagement
- Integrate Technology and Evaluation
- Pursue Long-Term Sustainability

All future projects and initiatives for the Substance Abuse, Addiction & Rehabilitation (SAAR) Program will be grounded in one shared purpose and that is, to improve the livelihood, health, and hope of individuals and families through recovery, empowerment, and community connection. This vision ensures every facility, program, and service contributes to building stronger people, healthier communities, sustainable futures and long term recovery.



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