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SAMSHA Rural EMS Training Grant

Recruit & train rural EMS personnel on substance use disorders, co-occurring disorders and mental disorders

- Challenge Addressed: Recruitment & retention of EMS staff along with stigma reduction
- Outcomes: Since January 2025, EMS has been fully staffed and obtained necessary trainings
- Why it Works: Creates pipeline of students

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Implementation and Resources

- Key Resources: Provides funding for training
- Critical Roles: EMS educator
- External Support: SAMSHA grant*, partnership with local high schools

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