

UCS Healthcare Project Summary

The UCS Healthcare Mobile Unit is licensed to deliver services directly to Iowa's most vulnerable and high-risk populations. It offers a range of services, including substance use disorder evaluations with referrals and continuation of treatment, Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) provider evaluations and services, mental health evaluations, limited psychiatry, peer recovery support, case management, Narcan/harm reduction supplies, and testing for blood-borne pathogens. These services are available to residents who cannot otherwise access them in a traditional facility.

The populations served by this project include individuals facing substance use and mental health disorders, particularly those from underserved and marginalized communities. This encompasses individuals who may face barriers to accessing traditional treatment services, such as transportation challenges, stigma, or lack of awareness about available resources. Our proactive outreach efforts through the Mobile Unit enable us to meet individuals where they are, whether in urban areas, rural communities, correctional facilities, recovery housing, or other locations.

The Mobile Unit currently serves up to 23 patients per week for substance use disorder evaluations and/or medication assisted treatment, plus dozens more through general outreach.

The goals of this project are to:

1. Expand Access to Care through the Mobile Unit.
2. Foster Community Partnerships.
3. Provide Comprehensive, Culturally Competent Care.
4. Ensure Sustainability and Measure Impact on the community.

If you are interested in learning more about UCS Healthcare or the Mobile Unit, you can visit our website at ucsonline.org, follow us on social media (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube), or contact Julie Spicer, Chief Advancement Officer, at juliespicer@ucsdsm.org or 515-280-4905.