

RASE Project
York/Adams Buprenorphine Coordinator Program

The Buprenorphine Coordinator Program developed by the RASE Project assists persons receiving buprenorphine to access recovery through a multi-faceted approach, including referrals to appropriate outpatient treatment providers and other essential services. The Program supports and monitors these individuals in their early recovery process, and continues to provide care to them to ensure that their issues are identified and addressed. The Program works directly with the individuals receiving the buprenorphine, doctors' offices, treatment service providers, and other ancillary service providers to assist persons new to recovery successfully navigate the system.

The Program coordinates services for individuals by:

- referral and access to, and ongoing monitoring of appropriate counseling services;
- assessment to determine emergent and ancillary needs;
- development of Recovery Plans that address areas of need;
- coordination of ancillary services to support the recovery process, such as: housing, employment, health care, etc;
- assisting individuals in the identification of recovery support groups;
- providing ongoing monitoring of individuals' successes and/or challenges while enrolled in the Program;
- developing specific peer support groups for those individuals receiving buprenorphine treatment;
- educating physicians and psychiatrists on buprenorphine and the need for this pathway to recovery and the importance of recovery as a lifelong process;
- increasing the number of outpatient providers willing to treat individuals who have been prescribed buprenorphine.

Coordinators work in York and Adams Counties ensuring that individuals receive appropriate for buprenorphine treatment. Program staff seek strong collaboration and a team approach with prescribing physicians, outpatient counseling and other ancillary services. This model is based upon open communication among Program Coordinators, prescribing physicians' offices, and treatment and other service providers. This team approach fosters a successful recovery from opioid dependence and the Coordinators' regular contact with the clients and rapid response to their concerns and problems ensure a coordination of care and early intervention. Coordinators may stay involved in clients care until they are totally stabilized in the recovery process, up to three years.