



aiken center

SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES

FY 2023

ANNUAL REPORT



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Aiken Center has been CARF accredited for behavioral health outpatient and prevention/diversion services for adults as well as behavioral health outpatient and prevention/diversion services for children and adolescents since 1994.

It is licensed as an outpatient substance abuse treatment provider by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC).

In accordance with Chapter 61-12-20 of the SC Code of Laws, Aiken Center is the “designated county authority” for the provision of substance abuse services in Aiken County, South Carolina through designation by the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS).

Aiken Center is also a proud United Way Agency.

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MISSION

Aiken Center promotes hopeful, healthy living and freedom from substance misuse through prevention, treatment, and recovery support.

VISION

Residents of Aiken County understanding Substance Use Disorders and joining together to offer prevention, treatment, and ongoing recovery support.



Executive Director's Statement

It is our pleasure to present this Annual Report from Aiken Center. We are Aiken County's substance use public health team. We are made up of about thirty professionals with strong, diverse backgrounds and sets of expertise across the continuum of prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery support. We are supported by a solid group of administrative professionals who make the work possible.

We are governed by a committed Board that meets monthly to review financial documents; approve policies; and to give vital direction to the agency. The breadth and depth of the staff and volunteer commitment is evident throughout the report and beyond.



Never have we faced a more complex and ubiquitous social problem than substance misuse and disorders. It takes courage and hope for individuals and families to walk through our front door week in and week out. And, frankly, it takes the same kind of fortitude for our staff to stay the course as well.

With abundant community support and the remarkable recovery stories we have the privilege of witnessing, we're up for the challenge.

We're continuing to face this epidemic together, and for that we are most grateful.

- Margaret M. Key

Executive Director, Aiken Center

Strategic Planning and Review



Aiken Center gathers information from consumer and citizen advisory groups. We maintain internal program evaluation efforts and conduct analyses of service demand and problem prevalence data (State and Federal sources) for Aiken County. We also assess the needs and opinions of fellow service providers in Aiken County, in an effort to improve the coordination of services for our clients.

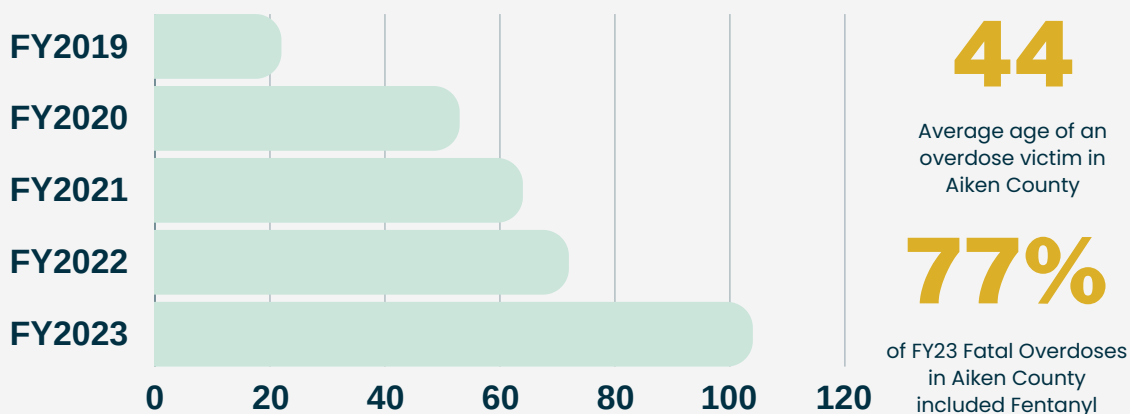
We recognize that much of what we do and how we do it is dictated by contractual agreements with DAODAS, United Way and other funding sources. In addition, licensing standards imposed by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) and the accreditation standards promulgated by CARF, under which we must function, also alter and often mitigate the manner in which we respond to the expressed needs of our community.

Identified Priorities

- Opioid Use Disorder
- Adolescent Substance Use Disorder
- Alcohol Misuse and Use Disorder
- Recovery-Oriented, Whole Person Systems of Care

Aiken Co. Accidental Overdose Deaths

Data provided in collaboration with Aiken County Coroner



Prevention Services

Aiken Center's Prevention Services Program provides educational awareness programs and activities to members of the Aiken County Community. Participants are reached through interactive educational programs, community-based activities, and alternative activities that provide youth with healthy alcohol, tobacco and other drug-free activities. We also disseminate information on the nature of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use, misuse and substance use disorders and their effects on individuals, families and communities.

Throughout FY23, Aiken Center's Prevention Services Program continued its efforts of helping individuals, families, and the community to access the resources needed to develop and maintain healthy lifestyles.

662+lbs

OF MEDICATION PROPERLY DISPOSED OF IN FY23

Through a total of three Prescription Medication Dropboxes as well as two DEA Authorized National Prescription Drug Take Back Days, Aiken Center aided in safely removing almost 700lbs of medication from the Aiken Community, reducing the risk for misuse and overdose.

141

TOTAL NUMBER OF ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE CHECKS CONDUCTED IN AIKEN COUNTY

In conjunction with local law enforcement agencies, Aiken Center's role in the Alcohol Enforcement Team (AET) led to a higher number of Alcohol Compliance Checks following pandemic related business closures.

3,919

PARTICIPANTS IN 127 DIFFERENT COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

Working with local community organizations to further Aiken Center's mission of hopeful, healthy living and freedom from substance misuse through education and information dissemination.

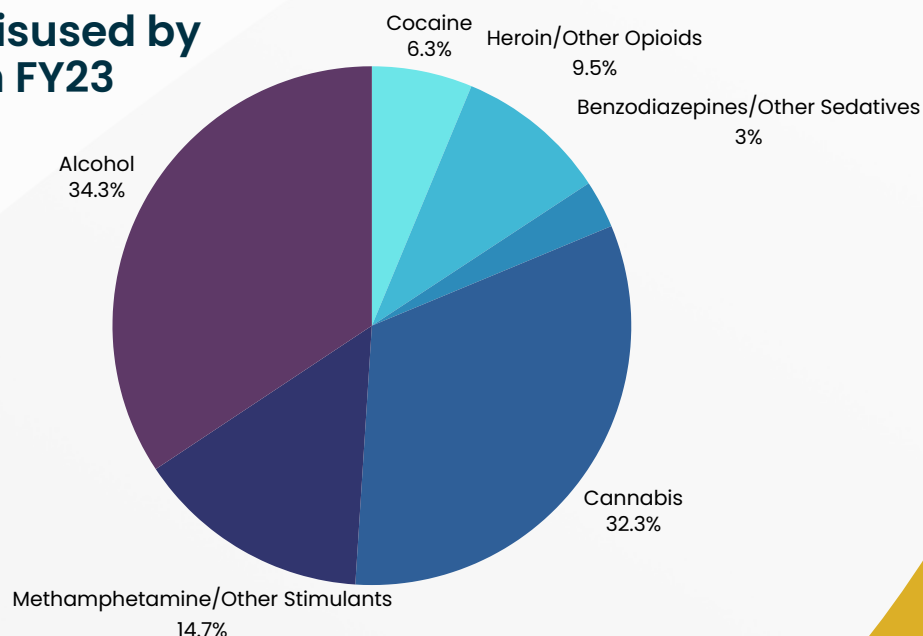
Community Based Treatment Services (CBT)

The Community Based Treatment Division is comprised of one full-time Clinical Services Manager, one Lead Counselor, on Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Coordinator, and five full-time Clinical Counselors.

Aiken Center uses evidence-based treatment models which include Motivational Interviewing (MI), Motivational Enhancement Therapy (MET), Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, PRIME Solutions, and Seeking Safety.



Substances Misused by Patients in FY23



Intervention Services

The South Carolina Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program (ADSAP) is a statewide substance abuse program for:

- individuals who are convicted of driving under the influence (DUI) or driving with an unlawful alcohol concentration
- individuals who are referred by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources for boating under the influence (BUI); and
- individuals whose licenses are suspended through the state's Administrative License Revocation (ALR) procedure.

Because thousands of South Carolinians are killed or injured each year in alcohol- or other drug related crashes, ADSAP works with offenders to reduce the number of crashes that result in death, injury or property damage. ADSAP services are certified by the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services and are available in each of the state's 46 counties.

Aiken Center currently hosts an ASAP Coordinator, two ADSAP program Counselors, and three PRI Instructors in order to coordinate and implement the Intervention Program.



276

**ADSAP ADMISSIONS
IN FY23**

77%

**OF ADSAP/PRI CLIENTS
GRADUATED
SUCCESSFULLY**

Recovery Support Services

Aiken Center Recovery Support is an integrated part of the patient-centered Treatment Team to support peers before, during, and after their time in treatment. Recovery Coaches are certified Peer Support Specialists who provide individual and group support focused on building the strongest recovery possible. Our Recovery Support Team members are the experts on resources to address big life issues that might keep individuals from otherwise being successful in treatment and recovery.

1721

Community Members
Reached

28

Group Sessions with
Peers Conducted

In 2021, Aiken Center became the first South Carolina County Alcohol & Drug agency to open a Recovery Community Organization (RCO). RCOs are led by individuals with recovery experience and focus on supporting peers at all points of their journey.

Savannah River ROC makes its home at the new Community Ministry of North Augusta and serves Aiken, Edgefield, and McCormick Counties. Since opening in August 2021, Savannah River ROC is building trust in overdose hotspots and partnerships with organizations serving at-risk community members.

Peer Support Specialists at Aiken Center and Savannah River ROC:

- **Offered weekly All Recovery and SMART Recovery meetings**
- **Presented at over 50 events**
- **Distributed over 525 units of Narcan**
- **Distributed over 1000 fentanyl testing strips**

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

ASSETS

CASH	1,268,805.15
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PREPAID EXPENSES	-0-
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ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	485,669.57
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FIXED ASSETS	885,610.26
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AMOUNT TO BE PROVIDED FOR LONG TERM DEBT	67,217.41
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TOTAL ASSETS	2,707,302.39
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LIABILITIES

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	7,210.85
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PAYROLL LIABILITY	-0-
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DEFERRED REVENUE	508,453.13
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COMPENSATED LEAVE	67,217.41
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	582,881.39
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TOTAL FUND BALANCE	2,124,421.00
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TOTAL LIABILITY AND EQUITY	2,707,302.39
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