

Part One Pre-licensure Community Relations Plan

Step 1:

County Meeting 09/15/2025 ORTC formally introduced our expansion plans to the Commissioner, noting our intent to establish a new OTP in Walla Walla. Chair Fulmer had no questions. Commissioner Clayton inquired about the anticipated opening date and staffing requirements; an ORTC representative responded to her via email. Additionally, on 9/11, an email was sent to all Commissioners outlining our introduction and intent to serve the Walla Walla community

Tribal Email sent: 09/17/2025 While outreach to tribal authorities is not required for this site, ORTC maintains an existing relationship with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center. In the spirit of collaboration, we proactively reached out via email to inform them of our upcoming clinic in Walla Walla and to express our interest in coordinating care and strengthening referral pathways.

Step 2 : Supplemental Information

Work with the authorities or their designee to develop a community relations plan that includes documentation of strategies used to obtain stakeholder input regarding the proposed location. Stakeholder groups should include publicly elected representatives, potential referral sources such as substance abuse programs, social and health services providers and medical providers, business organization leaders, community and health planning agency directors, grassroots community organization leaders, such as neighborhood associations and schools, local police and law enforcement, and religious and spiritual leaders. Regulatory Reference: WAC 246-341-1005

Stakeholder Group	Identified Representatives	Date Contact Made/Meeting held	Issues and Outcomes
Walla Walla Police	Police Chief	09/03/2025 Outreach event	Expressed no concerns and voiced strong support for partnering with ORTC. He noted the anticipated closure of a local SUD treatment center and the resulting service gap and expressed gratitude for

		09/04/2025 phone call and email 10/02/2025 scheduled meeting	ORTC's expansion into the region. A formal community planning meeting is scheduled for October 2nd to further align services with local needs. Agency is very supportive. No concerns.
Hope Street / Transitional Housing Women	Karen Carman	09/03/2025 outreach event 09/04/2025 introduction email 09/17/2025 follow up email	Connected for initial discussion; agreed to meet again for deeper collaboration closer to launch. Agency is supportive. No concerns
Eastern Oregon Center for Independent Living (EOCIL)	Crescencia Witherspoon/ Executive Director	09/03/2025 outreach event 09/17/2025 email follow up	Agency had table at overdose outreach event. ORTC Peer made contact and exchanged information. Reached out to the Executive Director, with whom we maintain an active partnership through our Pendleton site and the Unity in the Community coalition in Oregon. Very supportive.
The Walk in Counseling Services	Not recorded at time of contact; business card did not include name	09/03/2025 overdose outreach event	ORTC peer made contact and exchanged information. They provide coordination of care across providers and serve as a training site for LSWA's
AA	Sarinda	09/03/2025 overdose outreach event	Planning to schedule a meeting with local Alano Club members to provide education on Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) services, including access pathways, regulatory context, and community impact

Copes	Shelly Whitehead/ CRM	09/03/2028 overdose outreach event	ORTC peer shared program information and exchanged contact details with Cody Haycock. Followed up via text to maintain communication and explore resource-sharing opportunities. ORTC maintains a strong, ongoing relationship with this agency, supporting collaborative efforts and mutual referrals.
Comprehensive healthcare	Katie Bailey/Youth Recovery Coordinator	09/03/2025 overdose outreach event	Exchanged information is part of the State Opioid Treatment Resource Expansion STORE Program ORTC plans to meet and explore collaborative opportunities. Discussed available resources related to mental health services, DUII support, and system navigation. Goal to strengthening partnerships to enhance referral pathways and expand access to care.
Wall Wala Community Change Team	Not recorded at time of contact; business card did not include name	09/03/2025 overdose outreach event 09/17/2025 follow up email	Contact@wwwcommunitychangeteam.com Email sent requesting collaboration.
Washington State Health Care Authority	Beth Rowlette	09/03/2025	Introduction and exchange of information. Discussed referral source for infectious disease.
NAMI	Alessandra Justine Taylor	09/03/2025 Overdose outreach event	An ORTC peer representative shared program information during the Walla Walla Overdose Prevention event, followed by a phone call and email with NAMI leadership. A NAMI representative extended an invitation for ORTC to present at an upcoming

		09/17/2025 phone call and email	monthly meeting in Jan 2026, supporting continued collaboration and community education.