

Gaston County joined the State in the National Opioid Settlement. This BCR appropriates Year 1 \$78,257.68/Project Total \$234,773.00 of our allotment for Recovery Support Services, specifically certified peer support services in Gaston County's Children and Family Services, to be delivered by Olive Branch Ministries. Peer support specialists will be embedded in Children and Family Services and will work with families who are involved with child protective services and permanency planning/ foster care due to a parent's opioid use disorder. The peer support specialists will work with child welfare to address the needs of parents with opioid use disorder and will partner directly with parents to support their recovery. Year 1 (January 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024) \$78,257.68