

Gaudenzia, Inc.: Maryland Programs

Who is Gaudenzia?

Gaudenzia is the largest non-profit substance use disorder (SUD) treatment provider in Maryland, with five facilities and over 450 treatment beds in Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and Anne Arundel County. Gaudenzia is a critical lifeline to Marylanders who are uninsured or on Medicaid and one of the few providers to operate a full continuum of services through which individuals can seamlessly transition between levels of care. Gaudenzia has helped advance the Maryland's goal of providing on-demand treatment to vulnerable populations and has routinely expanded program services and treatment capacity at the request of government partners and when gaps in care have been identified. Gaudenzia serves over 5,000 Marylanders a year across the following program sites:



CROWNSVILLE

Since 2016, **Gaudenzia Crownsville** has served as an anchor institution within Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park. In partnership with Anne Arundel County, the agency has developed a comprehensive continuum of evidence-based treatment services for county residents affected by SUD and co-occurring disorders. At this one location, Gaudenzia provides six levels of care ranging from 24/7 crisis stabilization and withdrawal management services to residential and outpatient treatment services.

Gaudenzia's **Glen Burnie Outpatient**, located in the heart of the Glen Burnie Town Center, has been providing intensive outpatient and outpatient SUD treatment services to Anne Arundel County residents since 2016. We offer both individual and group counseling, family counseling, acudetox, and MAT services. We also are a licensed OMHC and will soon provide mental health evaluations and medication management to county residents with mental health diagnoses.



GLEN BURNIE



OWINGS MILLS

Gaudenzia's **Owings Mills** program provides both high-intensity and low-intensity, clinically managed treatment services to Baltimore County residents since 2020. Like all of Gaudenzia's residential programming, services are delivered by a multidisciplinary team and include evidence-based, trauma-informed, and gender-responsive individual and group counseling, case management, medication-assisted treatment (MAT), and medical and psychiatric services.

Established in 2002, Gaudenzia's **Park Heights** program offers a continuum of residential treatment services which includes withdrawal management and three residential levels of care for Baltimore City residents with SUD and CODs. Given the community's overwhelming need to respond to behavioral health crises in a coordinated, comprehensive manner, Gaudenzia is presently exploring the feasibility of offering crisis stabilization services at this location.



PARK HEIGHTS

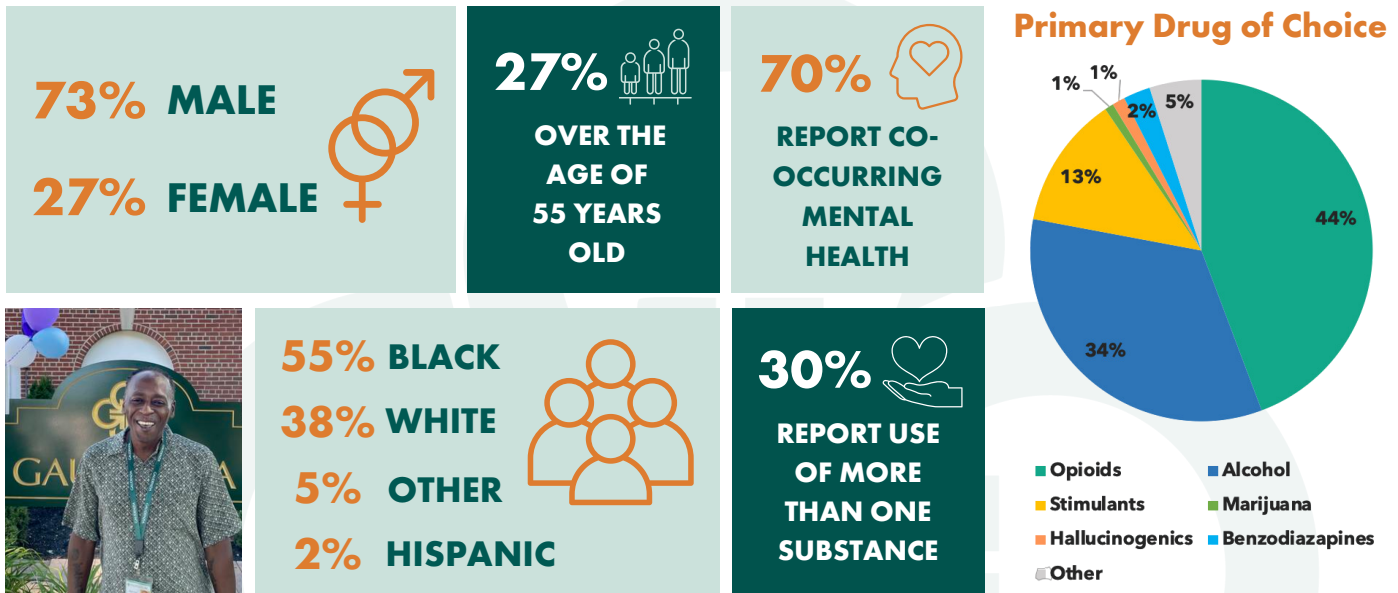


WEINBERG CENTER

Opened in 2006, Gaudenzia's **Weinberg Center** became the state's largest residential treatment program with 125 treatment beds. Today, the program provides residential treatment for adult male residents of Baltimore City requiring high- and low-intensity, clinically managed SUD treatment. Like our Crownsville campus, the Weinberg Center has played an important role in diverting individuals from incarceration into treatment through the state's 8-507 program.

FY 2023: Numbers Served

Between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023, Gaudenzia admitted 3,815 individuals to treatment and served an additional 1,722 through our Crownsville-based WARMS program, which is one of two crisis stabilization programs for Anne Arundel County residents experiencing behavioral health crises:



Additionally, through our ACCESS grant in Baltimore City and Anne Arundel County, Gaudenzia's harm reduction outreach teams engaged an additional 4,145 individuals between November 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023 providing naloxone and overdose prevention education, fentanyl test strips, and resource navigation.

Challenges and Agency Priorities

As the state's largest non-profit provider of SUD treatment services, Gaudenzia is steadfast in our commitment to ensuring affordable, low barrier treatment services are available to all Maryland residents who need them. We are driven to remaining flexible in the face of the nation's evolving overdose crisis and to continue working with state and local partners in developing solutions. Gaudenzia has identified the following organizational needs and priorities for Maryland:

- ADDRESS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE SHORTAGE:** Like many behavioral health providers, Gaudenzia's workforce retention and development efforts have been challenged by high turnover and an insufficient pipeline of credentialed staff. We need help identifying creative solutions, including the support of legislature to reduce barriers to certification and licensure.
- EXPAND CONTINUUM & REDUCE BARRIERS TO CARE:** Gaudenzia continues to identify opportunities to expand its continuum and reduce barriers to care for Maryland's most vulnerable through the introduction of harm reduction outreach and syringe service programming, pursuit of SAMHSA CCBHC funding, and continued work with the state's landmark 8-507 program.
- TRANSPARENCY & PARTNERSHIP WITH ASO:** The sustainability of Gaudenzia's programs in Maryland hinge on having a collaborative and transparent partnership with the Medicaid ASO. Gaudenzia also encourages the Department of Health to play an active and responsive role in ensuring payments are reconciled appropriately and paid timely.