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Lakewood LEAD

(Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion)



- There was a 39% increase in drug investigations from 2016 to 2018. This increase indicates that drug use and misuse continues to be a problem in Lakewood.
- Addiction driven crimes impact the quality of life for residents, businesses and visitors to our community.
- Overdose deaths continues to rise. Many in the community are wanting an individual's drug use to be addressed through a public health lens as opposed to a criminal justice lens.



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A Collaborative Effort to bring the first Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program to Jefferson County

- Lakewood Police Department (LPD)
- Jefferson County Public Health (JCPH)
- Community Connections Center (C3)



What is LEAD?

- Diverts people whose problems are driven by behavioral illnesses out of the justice system whenever possible, and into long-term, non-coercive case management.
- Law enforcement officers are primary portal for diversion, in partnership with case management, service providers, prosecutors, public defenders, community leaders and health agencies.
- Presented with an arrestable offense, officers can instead offer LEAD as an alternative to arrest/booking.
- The case is diverted entirely out of the justice system: Criminal filing is not pursued.

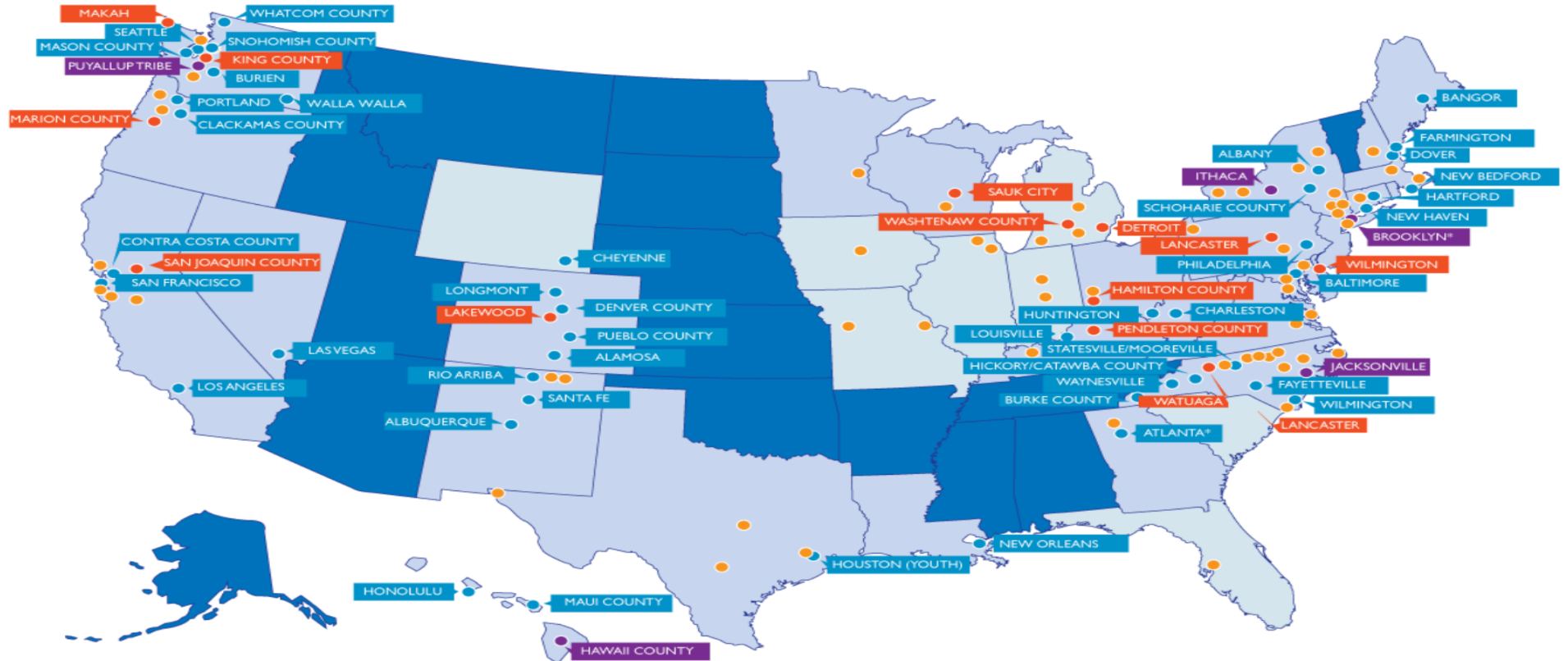
Core Components of LEAD

- Officer Discretion
- Pre-Arrest/Pre-Booking
- Harm reduction philosophy
- Understanding that abstinence is not required
- Housing first model
- Trauma informed services



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LEAD: Advancing Criminal Justice Reform In 2021



Key Component: Community Engagement

- The community needs to be a partner for LEAD to be effective
- The development of a Community Leadership Team ensures the community is an equal partner
- Gain the insight and input from community leaders, as well as people who have experienced addiction, mental illness, and poverty
- Provide education to community
- Political support

LEAD Paradigm Shifts

LEAD is a new, collective, system of response.

Recognizes that arrest, prosecution, and conviction can cause harm and interfere with lasting behavior change

Recognizes that cycles of arrest and incarceration further destabilize individuals, families, and communities

Recognizes that using the justice system as a response to behavioral illness saps law-enforcement resources



Outcomes: Cost Savings

Seattle	Santa Fe
<p>\$33,274/person/year in system as usual vs. \$6,384/client/year in LEAD.</p>	<p>\$9,098/person/year in system as usual vs. \$4,371/client/year in LEAD</p>



Ways to Engage with Lakewood LEAD

- Become more informed about the LEAD program
- Use your voice to advocate for LEAD participants
- If you are a victim, permit LPD to divert offenders to LEAD intensive case-management
- Support Lakewood LEAD with donations to provide for the needs of LEAD participants
- Become a Business Peer Ambassador and share the benefits of LEAD with the Lakewood business community
- Reach out to LPD and let them know you support their efforts in LEAD
- Volunteer as a member of the Community Leadership Team
- If you have lived experience reach out and volunteer to help your community organizations
- If you have questions or concerns make your voice heard



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Questions?

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