



LEAD

LAW ENFORCEMENT
ASSISTED DIVERSION

LATEST CDC PRESCRIPTION STATISTICS

- Deaths from drug overdose have been rising steadily over the past two decades and have become the leading cause of injury death in the United States.
- In 2012, among 25-64 year olds, drug overdoses caused more deaths than traffic crashes.
- Every day in the United States 114 people die as a result of a drug overdose and approximately 6,748 are treated in emergency rooms for the misuse or abuse of drugs.
- In New Mexico:
 - a) Top ten for illicit drug use within the past month among our youth.
 - b) Almost double the national rate among overdose death rates.
 - c) Northern New Mexico (Rio Arriba County) ranked 3rd in the nation for overdose deaths.
 - d) More people died as a result of drug overdose deaths than car accidents, and firearm deaths.
 - e) Property Crime statistics are revealing a direct correlation to opiate use and abuse.

LEAD is a pre-booking diversion pilot project. Pre-booking meaning we divert low level drug offenders directly into treatment services opposed to the traditional criminal justice system in an effort to treat the root cause-addiction.

The central tenets of LEAD are:

- Divert individuals immediately into wrap around services. IE drug treatment, emergency housing (DV situations), food, medications, pregnancy programs, dual diagnosis treatment, education, trade training, etc.
- Redirect officers back into the street as soon as possible (1 hour opposed to 6 hours) to handle more pressing law enforcement priorities.
- Cost savings to social systems. 100 of our top repeat offenders cost our systems over 4 million dollars over 3 years. Cost of incarceration is approximately \$41,000.00 in New Mexico. Cost to treat individual in LEAD is approximately \$5,000.00-\$10,000.00 (averages) per individual!
- Reduce overdose deaths and reduce criminal activity.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Upon arrest, an officer will contact an individual on the street and determine, based on eligibility requirements, if they qualify as a candidate for LEAD.

The determination is they do qualify, the subject is handed over to a case manager immediately and the officer is released to continue his shift. If they do not qualify the subject is referred through the traditional criminal justice system.

The subject is required to complete an intake assessment and is required to return to the treatment provider within 72 hours to continue a more intense individualized treatment plan. If the subject does not return criminal charges can be filed by the DA.

The officers and case managers meet twice a month to discuss the progress of their client and learn about the services that are being provided to them.

Officers also have a social referral component to the program. A crime doesn't need to be perpetuated but an officer can refer a subject who is at risk of being arrested based on their behavior. The case managers are contacted and the subject is transported to a case manager for intervention services.

RESULTS

After full implementation in April of 2014, there are 15 clients who have “come through the door”.

- Of the 15 clients only one has been re-arrested for a minor traffic warrant.
- Santa Fe is experiencing the lowest property crime rates in recent history. LEAD? Evaluation will tell.
- Three clients continue with services through the treatment provider but are not “active” participants in the program. They also have not been re-arrested.
- One has been placed in housing for the first time in her life and has re-kindled her relationship with her kids.
- Several are employed.
- All are continuing with their treatment and are planning on either attending school, obtaining a job after they are stable, and otherwise becoming functional members of society.

THANK YOU!

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