

Environmental Scan of Substance Use-related Pre- and Post-Arrest Diversion Programs in North Carolina



GOAL

Identify and examine substance-use related pre- and post-arrest diversion programs in all 100 counties in NC



METHODS

Reached out via email and phone to a minimum of 3 contacts 3-4 times per county



RESULTS

Report identified pre- and post-arrest programs, local contacts, program data, and resources

PRE-ARREST PROGRAMS

1. LEAD (9 counties)
2. LEAD adjacent (8 counties)
3. Co-responder/ co-responder adjacent (5 counties)

POST-ARREST PROGRAMS

1. Drug treatment courts (30 counties)
2. DWI/Sobriety courts (6 counties)
3. Veterans Treatment Courts (4 counties)
4. Stepping Up Initiative (6 counties)
5. Other post-arrest diversion (10 counties)
6. Prime for Life (7 counties)
7. Family Drug Treatment Court (9 counties)

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Programs varied widely in funding, community buy in, ability to collect data, and completion rates despite many programs following national models (LEAD and substance court-focused interventions in particular)
- Partnership with law enforcement was noted as both a key facilitator for the success of programs and also a barrier when not present
- Programs consistently cited the need for:
 - Sustainable funding sources
 - Increased guidance from the state
 - Increased investment in substance use disorder treatment options and local resources, particularly in rural areas



LINK TO REPORT

<https://tinyurl.com/4ejsth76>

<https://tinyurl.com/diversionspreadsheet>



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