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# ABOUT THE NCHRC

The North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition (NCHRC) is a statewide nonprofit that engages in grassroots advocacy, resource development, coalition building, and direct services for those made vulnerable by drug use, sex work, overdose, immigration status, gender, STIs, HIV and hepatitis. NCHRC also provides resources and support to law enforcement, public health and provider communities.

## STRATEGIC PLAN

Addressing Problematic Drug Use In Our State & Communities

### Phase 1

1 Provide drug overdose prevention education and access to naloxone.

### Phase 2

2 HIV/HCV and needle-stick injury prevention programs

### Phase 3

3 Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Programs (LEAD)

### Phase 4

4 Law Enforcement advocacy for greater drug treatment resources



# Cost of Incarceration

Minimal Supervision Prison/Jail Incarceration in North Carolina

**1 Day = \$65**

**365 Days = \$23,725**



# WHAT IS LEAD?

## Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion

**LEAD is a pre-booking diversion pilot program of the NCHRC and the Fayetteville Police Department**

Pre-booking means that the FPD would divert low level drug offenders and sex workers for whom probable cause exists for an arrest and redirect them from jail and prosecution by immediately providing them with a link to treatment and social services within a harm reduction framework, as well as intensive case management in an effort to treat the underlying causes of their life issues. (i.e. addiction)

**LEAD is based on a commitment to a harm reduction framework for all service provision. LEAD emphasizes individual and communal wellness, rather than an exclusive focus on sobriety.**



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# Central Tenets of LEAD

- Divert individuals immediately into wrap around services which include: drug treatment, emergency housing, food, medications, pregnancy programs, dual diagnosis treatment, education, trade training, etc.
- Redirect officers back into the street as soon as possible (1 hour as opposed to 6 hours) to handle more pressing law enforcement priorities.
- Cost savings to Social Service and medical systems.
- Reduce drug related injury including: overdose deaths, HIV & HCV infection, abscesses, etc.



# How LEAD Works

- 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.
- If the individual does meet qualifying measures, they are immediately diverted to a case manager and the officer is released to continue her or his shift. If they do not meet qualifying measures, the individual is directed to the traditional criminal justice system.
- The individual is required to complete an intake assessment with their assigned case manager within 14 days to create an individualized treatment plan with referrals to services or service providers. If the individual fails to complete the intake assessment within 7 days, criminal charges may be filed by the DA, and they will return to the traditional criminal justice system.
- The LEAD officers and case management team meet twice per month to discuss the progress of their clients and learn about the services being provided to them.



# LEAD Eligibility Requirements

Adults suspected of a criminal offense and addicted to an illicit or licit substance may be eligible for LEAD except when:

- The amount of drugs exceeds “personal use”.
- The suspected drug activity involves delivery or possession with intent to deliver, AND there is reason to believe that the individual is dealing for profit above a subsistence income.
- The subject is under the age of 18.
- The subject appears to exploit minors or promote prostitution.
- The subject has committed a violent crime in the last 10 years.



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# LEAD Vs. Incarceration

When compared to incarceration, LEAD is MORE EFFECTIVE and LESS COSTLY.

- \$65 per day cost of incarceration // \$29 per day of LEAD initial cost // \$17.50 per day of LEAD continuing participation cost
- In the Seattle Program, LEAD participants were 60% less likely to be arrested within the first 6 months.
- Over the entire 2 year evaluation, LEAD participants were 58% less likely to be arrested.



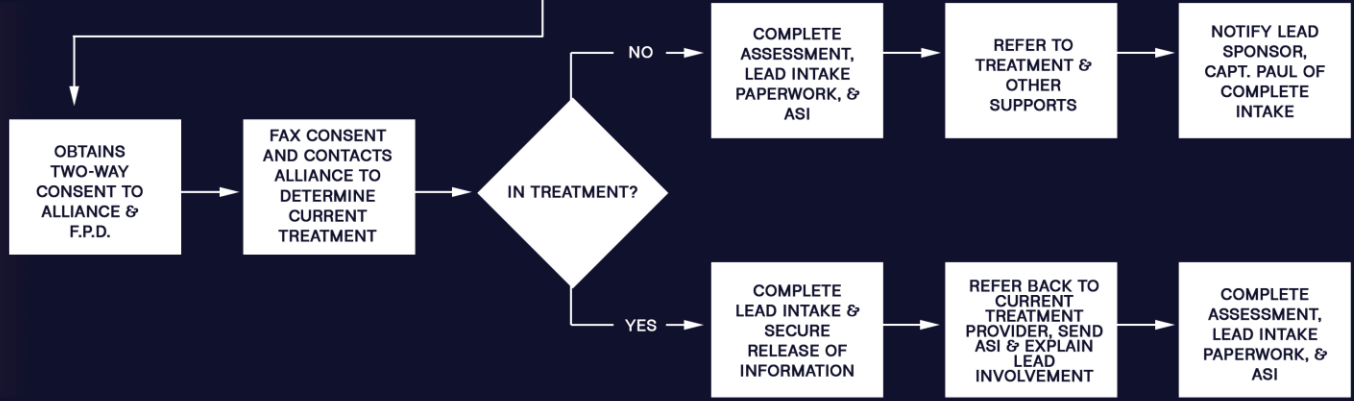
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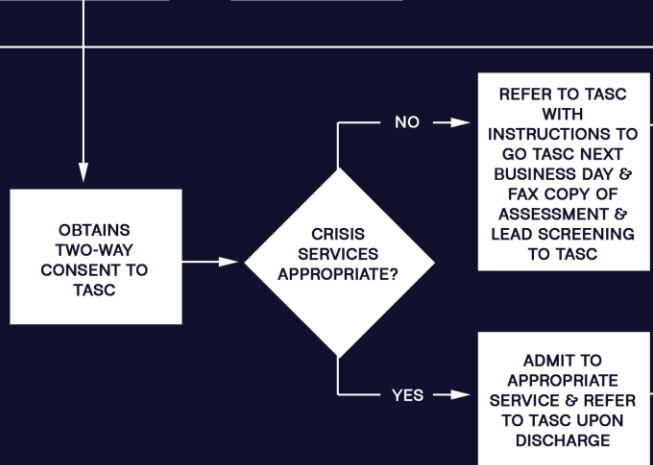


# LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTED DIVERSION DAYTIME WORKFLOW MONDAY - FRIDAY 8AM-4PM

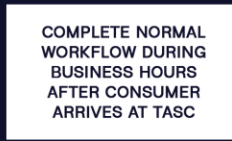
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# LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTED DIVERSION AFTERHOURS WORKFLOW WEEKENDS & WEEKDAYS 4PM-8AM



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