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# Reducing Crime and Recidivism Through Sheriff-Led Deflection: A Spotlight on Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion in Marion County, Oregon



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# Panelists

- Moderator: Deputy Chief Mitch Cunningham (ret.), Chief Law Enforcement Advisor, National Sheriffs' Association
- Marion County Sheriff's Office
  - Sheriff Nick Hunter
  - Enforcement Commander, Jason Bernards
  - LEAD Program Coordinator, Josh Wolf
  - LEAD Navigator, Hank Crapser



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## Learning Objectives

1. Explain a LEAD program and how it benefits communities
2. Identify crucial components to implementing LEAD
3. Understand how to use outcome data to share your program's success.



# OVERVIEW

*Theory of MCSO's LEAD Program*



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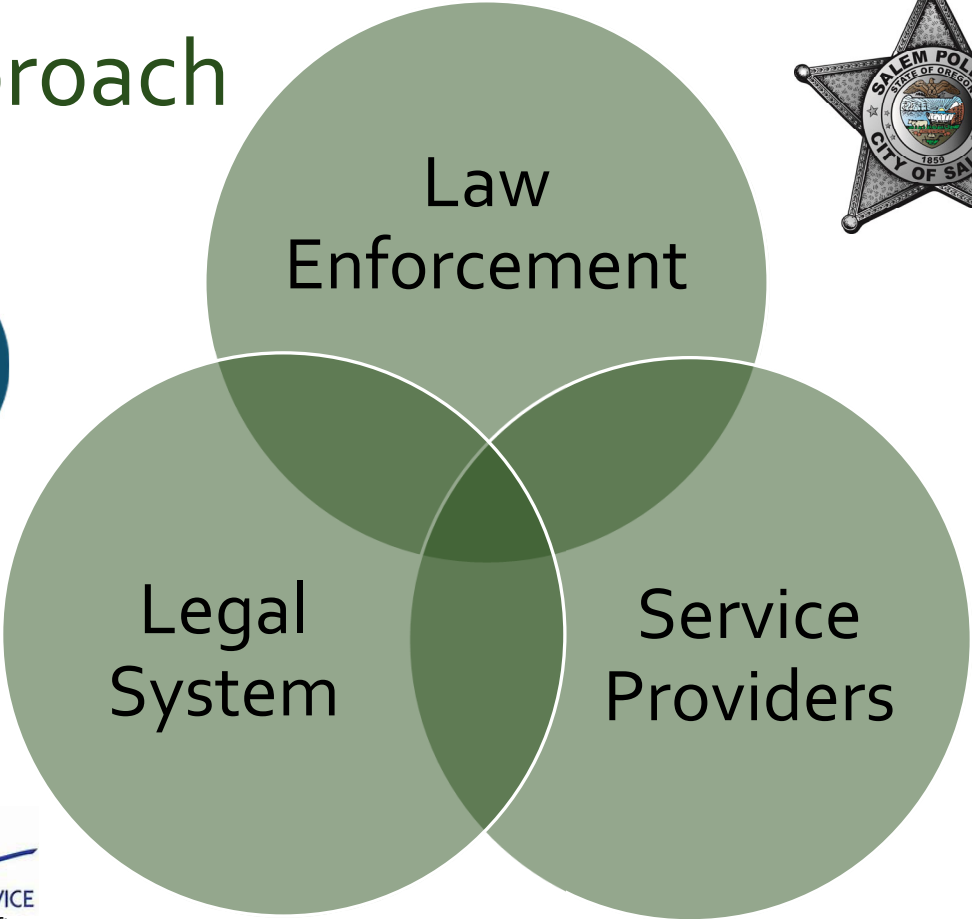
## What is LEAD?

- Pre-Arrest Diversion – Direct to services instead of arrest
- Low-level criminal activity possibly fueled by **substance use/addiction, mental health needs, and/or related livability concerns**



*\*Treat the cause, not the symptoms\**

# A New Approach





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# What makes LEAD different?

- Immediate Street-Based Case Management Services
- Once in LEAD, Always in LEAD

*LEAD is not office-based. The navigator is out on the street and meets participants where they are at*





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# Marion County LEAD Goals

↓ Reduce harm to individual and surrounding community

↓ Reduce criminal behavior of participants/crime

↑ Increase public safety/quality of life in communities

*A harm reduction model that reduces crime and improves public safety*

A group of approximately seven people are seated around a conference table in a meeting room. The room features a large American flag on the left wall and a police badge in the center. A calendar is visible on the right wall. The scene is captured from a slightly elevated angle, showing the backs of several participants as they engage in a discussion.

# KEY INDIVIDUALS & TEAMS

*LEAD Workgroup and Policy Teams, Staff Roles and Responsibilities*



# LEAD Policy Group & Team Members

**Purpose** is to discuss any major changes to LEAD policy, program evaluation metrics, funding, and service capacity.

## Team members:

- Law Enforcement: Leadership from major LEO stakeholder groups (*Sheriff, Undersheriff, Deputy Chiefs, etc*)
- Court System: Leadership from District Attorney's, City Attorney's Office and other major court system stakeholders
- Service Providers: LEAD Program Coordinator

*Policy Meetings are conducted on an "as needed" basis. Frequency of meetings increase toward the onset of program and decrease after program is fully operational.*



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# LEAD Workgroups

## **Purpose** of workgroup meetings:

- Staff potential clients
- Provide updates on existing clients
- Troubleshoot client and program issues
- Provide updates on program statistics
- Maintain communication between all partners.

*Workgroup meetings are facilitated by the Program Coordinator, occur on a frequent basis, once every two weeks at least. Further coordination can be done outside of meetings as needed.*



# LEAD Workgroup Team Members

## Who's involved:

### Law Enforcement

- LEAD Program Sergeant
- Sheriff's Office Representatives  
*(at least 1 per agency)*
- Parole & Probation Deputies

### Court System

- District Attorney Representative
- City Attorney Representative

### Service Providers

- LEAD Navigators
- LEAD Program Coordinator
- Crisis Response Teams

*All meeting  
partners must be  
listed in Release of  
Information (ROI)  
Packets signed by  
clients!*



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# LEAD Internal Staff Meetings

**Purpose** is to discuss client service plans, evaluate client progress, and brainstorm courses of action

## Team Members

Law Enforcement

- LEAD Program Sergeant

Court System

- None

Service Providers

- LEAD Navigators
- LEAD Program Coordinator

*Staff Meetings are conducted once every two weeks, alternating with the LEAD Workgroup Team Meetings*



# LEAD Roles and Responsibilities

## **Program Sergeant**

- Supervise LEAD Program Staff and Staff Training
- Approve, Deny, or Modify Client Assistance Fund Usage and Rental Assistance Plans
- Primary Liaison for Law Enforcement Partners
- Oversee Program Budget
- Develop LEAD Policy and Modifications to Policy
- Approve or Deny Client Enrollment into Program

# LEAD Roles and Responsibilities

## **Program Coordinator**

- Primary Liaison with Community Partners
- Facilitate LEAD Training with Law Enforcement and Community Partners
- Facilitate LEAD Meetings
- Monitor Client Progress
- Maintain and Review Client Assessment, Enrollment, and Criminal Contact Data
- Maintain Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Compliance
- Provide Recommendations on Which Clients Should Enroll In LEAD
- Provide Recommendations on LEAD Policy



# LEAD Roles and Responsibilities

## Program Navigator

- Provide Mentorship and Guidance to Clients
- Develop Possible Courses of Action for Client's Recovery Journey
- Connect Clients with Resources
- Establish New Connections with Community Partners and Network with other Providers
- Conduct Outreach Operations, Assessments and Enrollments
- Respond to 24/7 On Call Phone



# CLIENT REFERRALS AND CARE

*Client Referrals and Progression*

# Types of Referrals

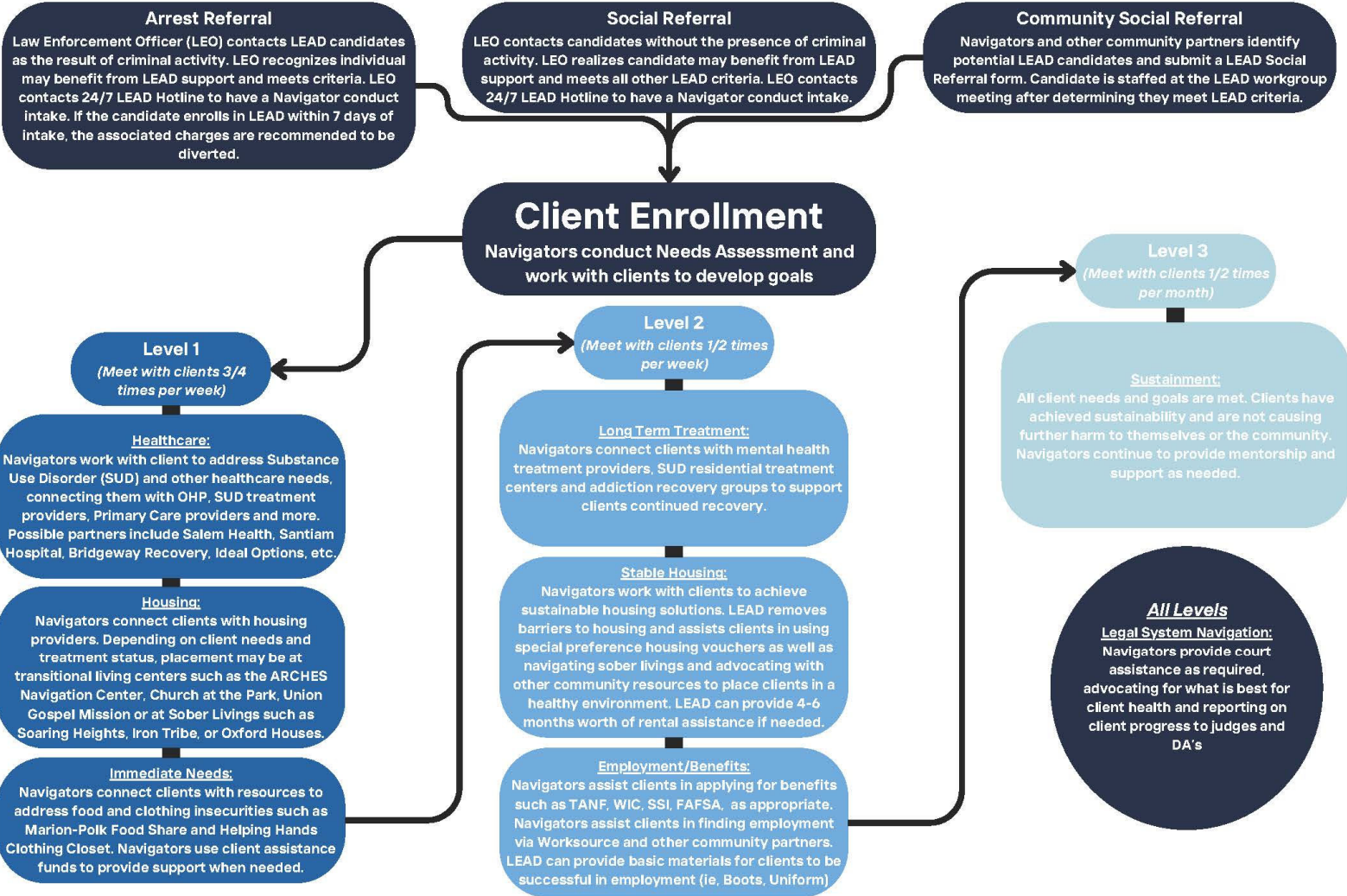
## MCSO LEAD Accepts 3 Types of Referrals

- Arrest Referrals (50%)
- Social Referrals (42%)
- Community Social Referrals (8%)

## Client Enrollment

- Level 1: Health care, housing, immediate needs
- Level 2: Long-term treatment, stable housing, employment/benefits
- Level 3: Sustainment
- At all levels: legal system navigation


# LEAD Program Client Progress Flow Chart



# DATA COLLECTION

Monitoring Program Effectiveness

**STAFF**



### LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTED DIVERSION

**Who Qualifies?**

**LEAD** LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTED DIVERSION  
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**Who Qualifies?**

- All ages
- All ethnicities
- All genders
- All religions
- All sexual orientations
- All socioeconomic backgrounds
- All criminal histories
- All geographic locations

**How Does It Work?**


**LEAD Services**

- Community referrals
- 24-hour crisis line
- 24-hour case management
- 24-hour legal advocacy
- 24-hour transportation
- 24-hour food bank referrals
- 24-hour substance use treatment referrals
- 24-hour mental health referrals
- 24-hour housing referrals
- 24-hour employment referrals
- 24-hour financial counseling
- 24-hour job training referrals
- 24-hour life skills training
- 24-hour peer support
- 24-hour family support
- 24-hour case management
- 24-hour legal advocacy
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- 24-hour peer support
- 24-hour family support

**Current Clients**

**Get the LEAD App**

**LEAD is a free app that provides 24-hour access to LEAD services. Download the app from the App Store or Google Play.**



"Recovery from addiction is not a solo journey. It is a collaborative effort, and will require support and resources, every person has the power to transform their life and break free from the chains of addiction."

*Sgt. Jason Bernard,  
LEAD Program Supervisor  
Marion County Sheriff's Office*

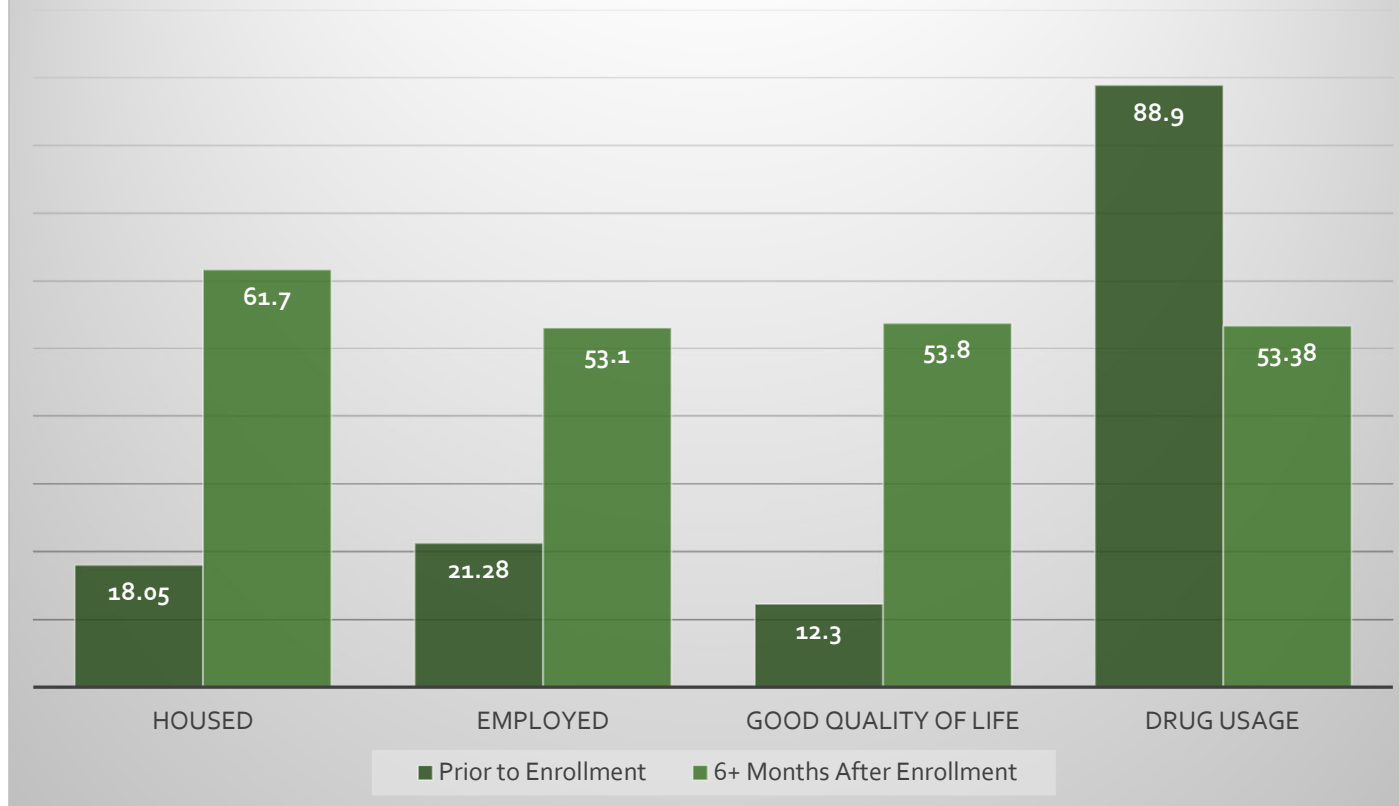


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## Performance Measures: Averages

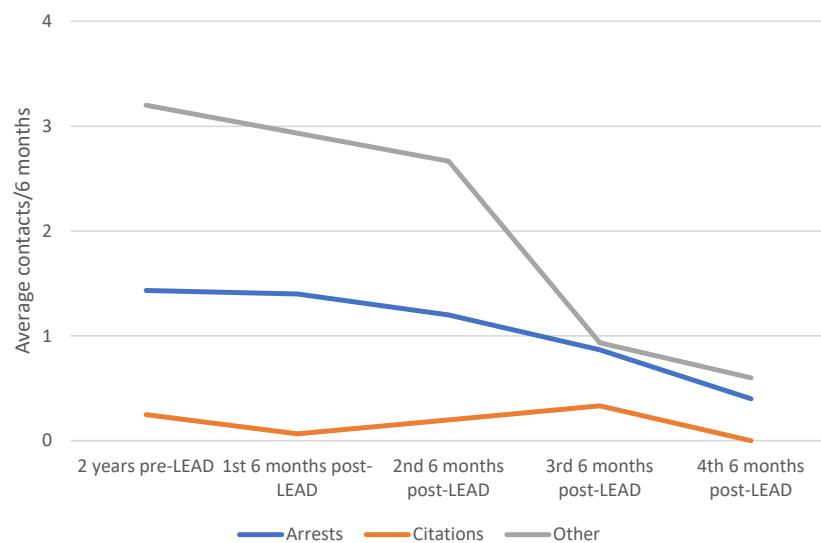
Number of Participants Surveyed = 85



# Law Enforcement Contact Data

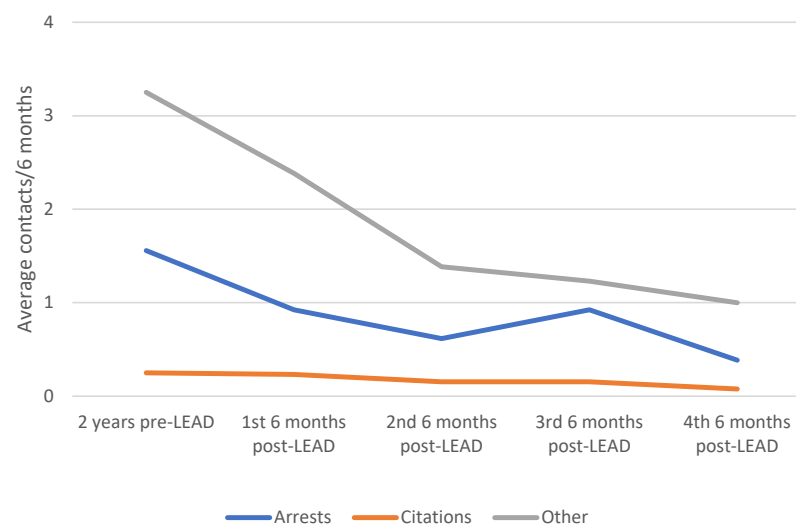
Start Date  
April 2018 – March 2019

Cohort 1 Contact Figures



Start Date  
April 2019 – March 2020

Cohort 2 Contact Figures

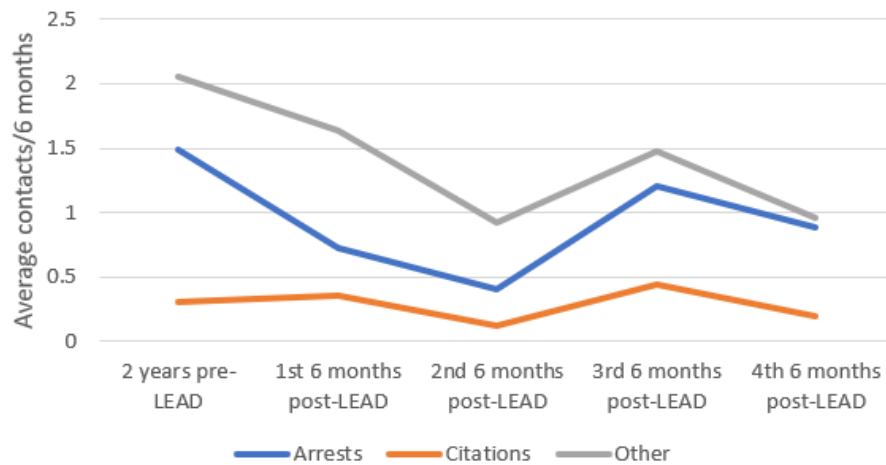


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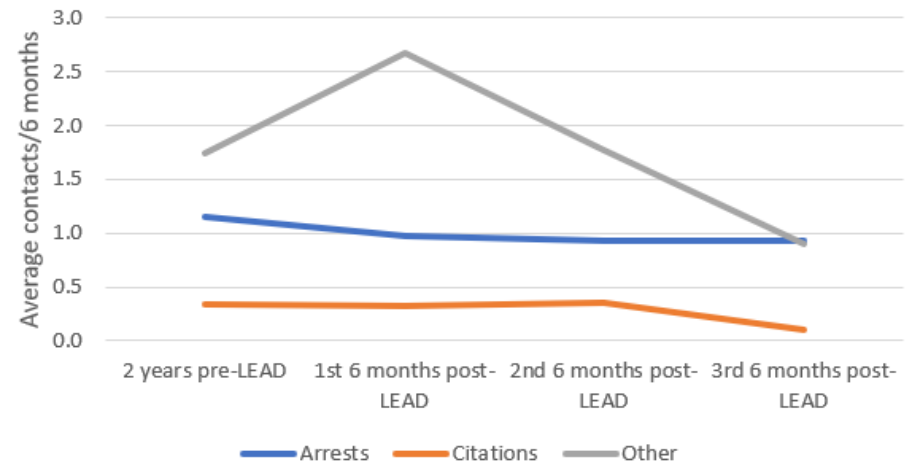
Start Date  
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Start Date  
April 2021-March 2022

### Cohort 3 Contact Figures



### Cohort 4 Contact Figures





# Tools for Data Collection

## Social Goals

- Navigators conduct a 6 page assessment and reconduct every 6 months.
- Information is stored in an Access Database
- This information is also used to determine ideal plans of care and what resource to connect clients with.
- Client Contacts are documented in Penelope Case Management Software
- Information is sent to Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) every 6 months for evaluation

# Tools for Data Collection

## **Criminal Justice Goals**

- Upon entry into program, the program coordinator will use investigative software to pull client criminal history
- This history is updated every 6 months with any new offenses or contacts recorded
- CJC looks at overall contacts two years prior to LEAD involvement and two years post LEAD involvement

A photograph of a sheriff's patrol car with its emergency lights flashing on a road at dusk. The car is dark-colored and has "SHERIFF" written on the side. The scene is illuminated by the car's lights and the ambient light of the twilight sky. The background shows utility poles and bare trees.

# ROLE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

*Training Our Primary Decision Makers on  
When to Call a Navigator*



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## LEAD Criteria

- ✓ Charge-able offense\*
- ✓ Livability/possession crime (*i.e., Trespass/criminal mischief, disorderly conduct, theft, PCS...*)
- ✓ No victim with potential restitution
- ✓ Voluntary participation
- ✓ Resides in the county
- ✓ Multiple arrest cycles – *Check criminal history to confirm*
- ✓ No history of violent crime
- ✓ Not a sex offender

If individual has an active Restraining Order, they cannot automatically be brought in as an arrest diversion. Submit to LEAD workgroup for staffing before the referral can take place.

**\*If no charge-able offense, consider a SOCIAL REFERRAL**

# Eligibility/Exclusion Criteria – Reference Pocket Guide



## ***Marion County LEAD***

### Arrest Diversion Criteria

- Chargeable Offense\*
- History of low level / livability crime
  - Multiple arrest cycles
- No victim with potential restitution
  - Resides in Marion County
  - No history of violent crime
  - Not a sex offender

\*If no chargeable offense, SOCIAL REFERRAL may be another option. Submit information to agency LEAD rep/ workgroup for consideration.



# Eligibility/Exclusion Criteria – Reference Pocket Guide



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**Call LEAD Navigator:** Provide basic information, confirm location, get ETA

 **(503) 576 - 2809** 

- 1) Meet LEAD Navigator at location. Introduce to potential LEAD participant, provide case number
- 2) Complete Arrest Case Information. Include Narrative about LEAD referral
- 3) Send Notification email with case number to all the following:

Lead Program Coordinator:

[jwolf@co.marion.or.us](mailto:jwolf@co.marion.or.us)

MC District Attorney's Office:

[leadmcda@co.marion.or.us](mailto:leadmcda@co.marion.or.us)

City of Salem Attorney's Office:

[LEAD@cityofsalem.net](mailto:LEAD@cityofsalem.net)

# L.E.A.D. NAVIGATORS



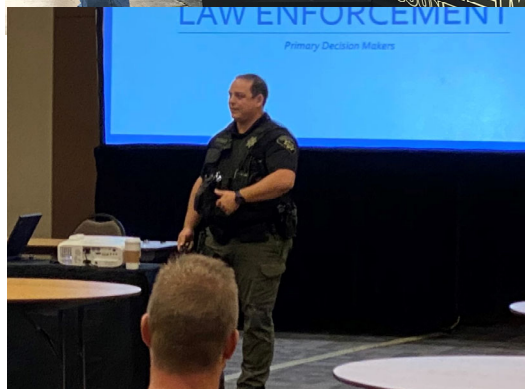
# “Been There Done That”

## LEAD Navigators Have Lived Experience

- Mental Health and Substance Use struggles
- Homelessness
- Criminal Justice Systems: Incarceration, Community Supervision
- Prison Reentry Programs
- Sober Transitional Housing
- Department of Human Services
- Accessing Medical and Behavior Health services
- Detox and Residential Treatment Facilities



*"Thank you for not giving up on me and being there for me since the first day. I've never had people be there for me like this." ~LEAD Alumni, 2018-2020*



QUESTIONS?



# THANK YOU!

For more information:

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