



BJA's
Comprehensive
Opioid, Stimulant,
and Substance Abuse
Program



Wisconsin
Juneau County Sheriff's Office
FY 2019 Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program (COAP)

10/01/19 Grant Start → 09/30/22 Grant End

Overview

Juneau County is a primarily rural county located in Central Wisconsin, about 70 minutes from Madison. Juneau County covers approximately 767 square miles with a total population of 26,576. In 2016, the Central Wisconsin Health Partnership identified alcohol and other drug abuse (AODA) and mental health as two of Juneau County's primary health concerns. In 2016, Juneau County's rate of drug overdose deaths involving any opioid was 15 per 100,000, versus the Wisconsin average of 14.3 per 100,000. The Juneau County Department of Human Services witnessed a substantial increase in AODA treatment requests and services from 2015 to 2016. The cost of these services skyrocketed from \$36,403 for the year of 2015 to more than \$81,000 for just January through July 2016. The Juneau County Sheriff's Office maintains the only jail in the county. The monthly jail population averages 98, with approximately 126 bookings monthly. Of the bookings, approximately 30 come in with a prescription for some type of psychiatric medication, and an average of 75 are intoxicated. The

jail also has seen more than a 600 percent increase in the number of suicide risk assessments needed at the time of booking, jumping from 82 assessments in 2012 to 626 in 2018.

Grant Focus

- Expand jail-based treatment and effective reentry programs.
- Link data sets to identify trends and focus resources.
- Build capacity in underserved regions impacted by the opioid epidemic.
- Integrate standardized screening practices into the criminal justice system.

Program Approach

To implement much-needed mental health and substance use services, the Juneau County Sheriff's Office has hired a full-time case manager and a full-time therapist to work in the jail. They will partner to provide mental health and

substance abuse treatment services for inmates in jail and connect them with community resources to continue services once they have left.

Jail-based mental health and substance abuse treatment services will be provided in the form of therapy, which will include individual and group therapy sessions. Eligibility for jail-based services is based on the following:

- At the time of booking, inmates will fill out a jail intake form. If an inmate requires further evaluation, the case manager will be contacted. The case manager will complete a full suicide risk assessment and the following screening tools: the Alcohol Use Disorder Identification Test (AUDIT), the Drug Use Questionnaire (DAST-20), and the Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9).
- Inmates who do not require a full suicide risk assessment will be instructed to submit a request to the case manager to be screened using the AUDIT, the DAST-20, and the PHQ-9, if they are interested in receiving therapy.
- A score of 8 or higher on the AUDIT, 6 or higher on the DAST-20, and/or 10 or higher on the PHQ-9 will qualify an inmate to receive therapy.
- Qualifying inmates will be staffed by the jail therapist, and priority will be given to those who score within multiple ranges and have had multiple arrests over a 12-month period.

The community-based resources that inmates can be connected to include, but are not limited to, providers of mental health and substance abuse treatment, housing resources, health insurance, employment support, transportation, and educational resources.

Inmates receiving therapy will be referred to the case manager, who will assist their recovery by accessing community resources.

Inmates not receiving therapy will be able to access community-based resources by requesting a meeting with the case manager.

The case manager will collect the following data to evaluate performance:

- Number of full suicide-risk assessments completed
- Number of inmates screened for jail-based therapy
- Number of inmates who meet eligibility requirements
- Number of inmates who enroll in jail-based therapy
- Number of individual and group sessions that each participant attends
- Number of therapy participants who receive a Vivitrol injection prior to release
- Number of arrests/bookings in the jail in 2020 through 2022
- Number of prior participants arrested in 2020 through 2022
- Number of prior participants who test positive for controlled substances upon re-arrest

Data also will be collected on demographics, including age, sex, ethnicity, race, and county of residence.

Project Partners

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