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SEMIANNUAL REPORT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Semiannual Report from the West Virginia Department of Human Services' Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) is presented in compliance with West Virginia Code §16-5T-2(20). This report covers the period from August 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

This reporting cycle highlights measurable and tangible progress, demonstrating the impact of ODCP's coordinated network across prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery programs. Building upon prior efforts, this period reflects a strategic shift from capacity building to achieving demonstrable results. This is evidenced by expanded program reach, strengthened community partnerships, and improved statewide access to care.

ODCP has intensified its collaborations with key stakeholders, including schools, healthcare providers, law enforcement, recovery networks, and community organizations. These deep partnerships are crucial for expanding access, closing service gaps, and accelerating positive outcomes. The programs initiated in previous years are now generating clear, data-backed results, confirming the effectiveness of persistent, community-based strategies combined with centralized statewide coordination.

Utilizing a comprehensive continuum of care (detailed in [Appendix A](#)), ODCP seamlessly connects immediate interventions with long-term recovery support. This adaptable, coordinated system ensures smooth transitions between various levels of care as an individual's needs evolve.

Education

From January through December 2025, the West Virginia Department of Human Services' Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP), in coordination with the Public Education Subcommittee of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, advanced statewide education and training efforts to reduce stigma and strengthen workforce readiness across

multiple systems. ODCP expanded its revised stigma training, *Challenging Stigma: Supporting Individuals through Education and Empathy*, through a train-the-trainer model, adding 30 new trainers and 8 new master trainers statewide. A total of 36 stigma trainings were conducted in response to 13 training requests, reaching 564 individuals across prevention organizations, local coalitions, and state agencies demonstrating a significant increase in training delivery in the latter half of the year.

In parallel, ODCP supported evidence-based emotional intelligence and stigma-reduction training through a Law Enforcement Strategic Liaison. In 2025, 645 law enforcement, first responder, and corrections personnel and 449 social service, education, healthcare, and judicial professionals were trained on emotional intelligence, overdose response, emerging drug trends, and ODMAP, reflecting expanded cross-system engagement.

Together, these initiatives represent a coordinated policy approach that aligns public education, workforce development, and system-level training to improve engagement, safety, and access to care. [Appendix B](#) provides a more detailed overview of these educational initiatives.

Overdose Prevention

West Virginia significantly advanced overdose prevention through expanded naloxone access, multi-sector collaboration, and data-driven strategies. Over 30,000 individuals were trained on naloxone, and more than 30,500 boxes were distributed statewide, saving over 350 lives. Additional Mobilize Recovery events contributed 100+ boxes locally. The Overdose Response Strategy enhanced coordination between public health and law enforcement, supporting 237 felony drug arrests, 49 percent involving fentanyl, and 40 percent with polysubstance involvement. Interstate trafficking was highlighted by 139 out-of-state arrestees from Ohio, Michigan, Maryland, and Virginia. Overdose deaths through September 2025 showed fentanyl in 68.9 percent, methamphetamine in 55.7 percent, polysubstance involvement in 92.6 percent, and an average of five to six substances per death, including six carfentanil fatalities.

Linking correctional health data to overdose surveillance is identifying high-risk reentry periods, improving post-release outreach, and expanding access to medications for opioid use disorder. These efforts have measurably increased prevention reach, reduced fatalities, and strengthened statewide response capacity. [Appendix C](#) highlights the key collaborative prevention efforts in the state.

Intervention

Intervention programs are a critical component of West Virginia’s strategy to reduce overdoses and connect individuals to treatment and recovery resources. The Police and Peers (PNP) program pairs Certified Peer Recovery Support Specialists with law enforcement to address non-violent, substance use-related incidents and has expanded to seven law enforcement partners. Since inception, new clients have increased 70%, client retention is up 140%, referrals to treatment have grown 37%, referrals to MAT are up 44%, community naloxone distribution has increased 1,967%, and fentanyl test strip distribution has grown 1,117%.

ONEbox® emergency overdose kits have placed over 200 boxes nationwide, and the ODMAP platform registered 496 users across 145 agencies, issuing 38 spike alerts in 2025. Over 3,000 suspected overdose alerts prompted Quick Response Teams to engage victims, provide resources, and connect individuals to treatment, reinforcing a proactive, data-driven approach to saving lives.

For the latest intervention strategies, refer to [Appendix D](#).

Treatment

The Project Engage program has expanded to five hospitals—St. Mary’s Medical Center, Cabell Huntington Hospital, Berkeley Medical Center, Hampshire Memorial Hospital, and War Memorial Hospital—embedding peer recovery specialists, MOUD induction, and evidence-based protocols directly into patient care.

West Virginia maintains its commitment to advancing recovery efforts by strengthening treatment infrastructure, broadening access to supportive services, and reinforcing strategic community partnerships. Detailed information on current treatment programming is available in [Appendix E](#).

Recovery

Recovery is most sustainable when individuals have access to meaningful work, stable income, and the support needed to overcome long-standing barriers. Employment not only strengthens long-term recovery outcomes but also restores independence, purpose, and community connection.

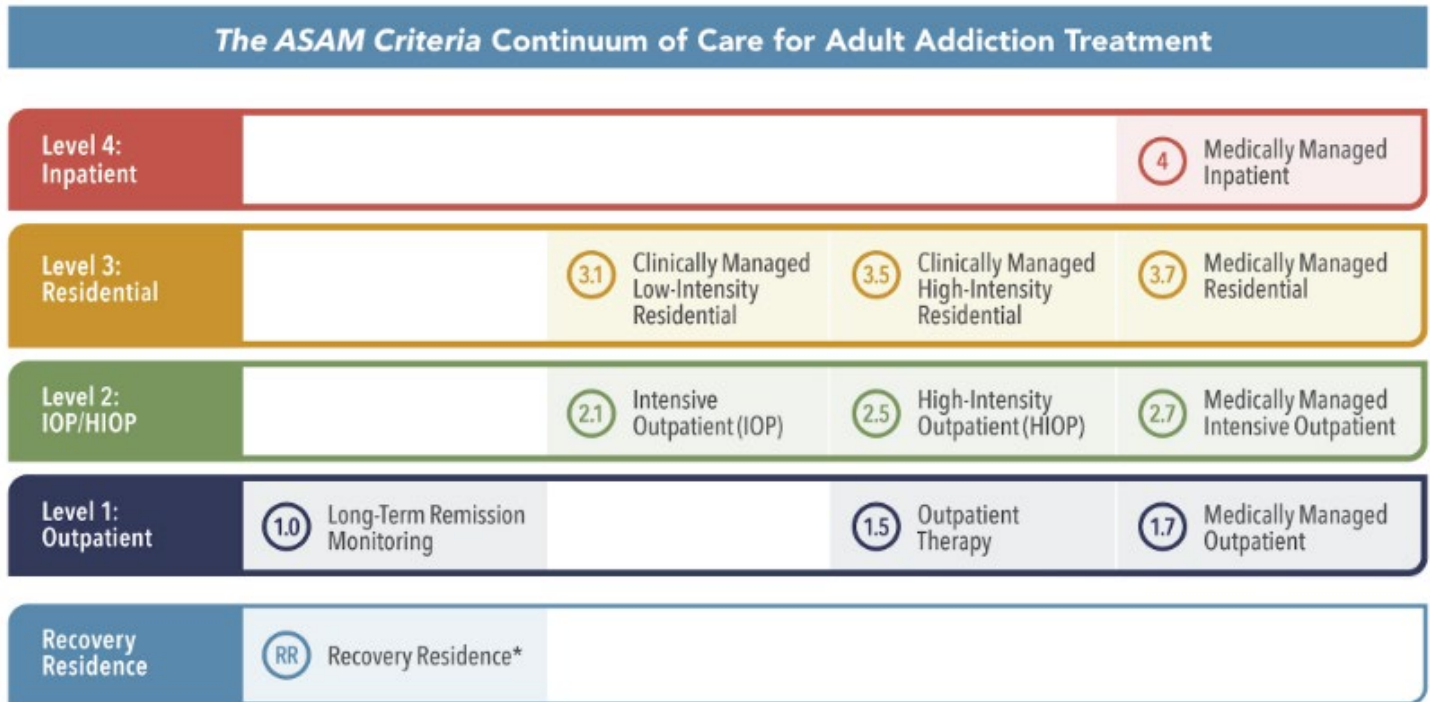
Jobs & Hope West Virginia is the state’s workforce initiative, translating recovery into measurable economic and social impact. Between July and December 2025, more than 11,600 participants were employed, average annual wages increased to \$23,250, and total combined annual salaries reached \$102.9 million. Program graduates rose to 652, while critical barrier-removal services expanded, including more than 3,300 driver’s license reinstatements and nearly 50

expungements. The number of individuals no longer receiving SNAP benefits increased to 2,249, reflecting sustained recovery and growing financial independence.

[Appendix F](#) displays important recent updates provided by ODCP regarding recovery.

APPENDIX A

CONTINUUM OF CARE



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APPENDIX B

Public Education Stigma Trainings

The Public Education Subcommittee of the Governor’s Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment has focused heavily on increasing stigma awareness for substance use disorder and mental health. A product of this emphasis is a revised comprehensive training titled “Challenging Stigma: Supporting Individuals through Education and Empathy.” To ensure that the material is taught by qualified professionals, train-the-trainer sessions are provided to members of prevention lead organizations (PLOs), local coalitions, and state agencies. Since the start of 2025, there have been 30 individuals trained to give the training and 8 individuals trained as master trainers who can teach the course to future trainers. Training requests can be made at <https://stigmafreewv.org/training-evaluation-resources/>. Since the beginning of 2025, there have been 13 training requests, 36 training sessions, and a total of 476 individuals trained.

Metric	Jan - June 2025 (First 6 Months)	July - Dec 2025 (Last 6 Months)	Total for 2025
New Trainers Added (Train-the-Trainer)	17	13	30
New Master Trainers Added	7	8	8
Training Requests	7	6	13
Trainings Conducted	6	30	36
Individuals Trained	88	476	564

Emotional Intelligence Training

ODCP supports evidence-based practices that promote social and emotional well-being, prevention approaches, person-centered interventions, and self-directed or diversion-driven support services. For this project, ODCP provides funding for a Law Enforcement Liaison who has a background in, not only, the law enforcement aspect of handling substance use disorder (SUD),

but also the associated legal challenges, how best to overcome barriers with stigma among constituents, and developing meaningful engagement with diverse communities.

The Law Enforcement Strategic Liaison helps educate law enforcement, first responders, and correctional staff on overdose reversal, emerging drug trends and testing equipment, stigma awareness and reduction, and emotional intelligence.

Law Enforcement Trainings		
Training Dates	Location	Participants
February 3, 2025	Putnam County Sheriff Office	28
February 13, 2025	Bluefield Police Department	10
February 14, 2025	Bluefield Police Department	12
February 27, 2025	University of Charleston	21
April 21–22, 2025	Mountain State ESC	15
April 24, 2025	Summersville Armory	27
April 28, 2025	Princeton Police Department	12
April 29, 2025	Princeton Police Department	18
June 2, 2025	Point Pleasant PD / Mason County Sheriff	10
June 3, 2025	Point Pleasant PD / Mason County Sheriff	10
June 9, 2025	Charleston Police Department follow-up	156
June 18, 2025	Prevention Resource Officer online follow-up	136
July 29-30, 2025	Prevention Resource Officer Conference	150
August 26, 2025	Twin Falls Regional Emotional Intelligence Training	22
October 29, 2025	Nicholas County Regional Emotional Intelligence Training for First Responders	10
October 29, 2025	School Resource Officer Academy	8
Total		645

Social Services Partner Trainings			
Training Date	Location	Type	Participants
January 22, 2025	The WV Office of Inspector General	EQ training at the WV Capitol Complex	33
March 20, 2025	Cabin Creek Health Services	(EQ training at the Kanawha Co. Library	29
June 12, 2025	Charleston Police Department	ODMAP instructional training	156

June 18, 2025	Prevention Resource Officer	ODMAP instructional training	136
October 8, 2025	Pediatric Symposium	EQ & ODMAP training in Oak Hill, WV	12
October 28, 2025	DOCR Adult Education Educators	EQ & ODMAP training at the Huttonsville Correctional Center	12
November 15, 2025	Bob Burdette Center Staff	EQ & ODMAP training in Charleston, WV	16
December 3, 2025	Mental Hygiene Magistrate Conference	EQ & ODMAP training at the Supreme Court of Appeals in Charleston, WV	55
Total			449

APPENDIX C

OVERDOSE PREVENTION

Naloxone and Onebox

The West Virginia Drug Institute (WVDII) has trained over 30,000 individuals in person or via an online naloxone course. WVDII has distributed over 30,000 boxes of intranasal naloxone to all 55 West Virginia counties with 350 plus lives saved. WVDII hosted the national kickoff for Mobilize Recovery on Overdose Awareness Day at the University of Charleston on August 31, 2025. 500 additional boxes were donated during Mobilize Recovery at each location including over 100 in WV.

Overdose Response Strategy (ORS)

The Overdose Response Strategy in West Virginia, supported by the CDC Foundation in partnership with the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the Appalachia High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, is part of a national initiative in all 50 states to reduce fatal and nonfatal overdoses by strengthening public health and public safety collaboration. The CDC Foundation provides technical assistance, staffing, and analytical capacity, including a dedicated Public Health Analyst, to connect agencies, share data, and implement evidence-based interventions that address emerging drug threats and improve community response.

The 2025 Environmental Scan has been completed and will be used to guide joint planning between public health and law enforcement, identify service and data gaps, and support targeted allocation of resources. The 2025 Felony Arrest Notification Report is in final development and will provide key intelligence on trafficking routes, drug seizure trends, and the prevalence of fentanyl and methamphetamine in the illicit supply. This report will be critical for aligning interdiction priorities with public health prevention strategies and officer safety planning. Preliminary analysis indicates continued activity involving out-of-state actors, increases in notification volume, and consistent presence of high risk substances. The report will provide a detailed picture of drug activity in West Virginia once finalized, but current findings already support improved situational awareness for both public safety and public health partners.

Metric	2024 Data	2025 Data (to date)
Felony Arrest Notifications (FANs) recorded	274	237 felony drug arrests
Firearms present	Approximately 23 to 25 percent of cases	Approximately 23 to 25 percent of cases
Polysubstance involvement in FANs	51.1%	About 40 percent
Fentanyl present in seized substances/arrests	30.6%	About 49%
Methamphetamine present in arrests	39.1%	About 20%
Out of state arrestees	Not listed	61 from Ohio, 54 from Michigan, 15 from Maryland, 9 from Virginia

The predictive modeling initiative, already implemented statewide, is now shifting its focus toward expanded interstate collaboration and training other states in its application. West Virginia will lead efforts to adapt the model in other jurisdictions, particularly along shared trafficking corridors, and will utilize “situation tables” to bring together multi-sector partners for rapid, coordinated response in high-risk areas. The model will continue to integrate EMS, emergency department, and law enforcement data to anticipate overdose spikes, but with a greater emphasis on sharing intelligence across state lines and applying lessons learned to strengthen regional preparedness.

Substance/Factor	Percentage/Count (Jan - Sept 2025)
Fentanyl identified in overdose deaths	68.9%
Methamphetamine identified in overdose deaths	55.7%

Polysubstance involvement	92.6%
Average substances per overdose death	5 to 6
Xylazine present in cases	5.7%
Carfentanil confirmed	6 deaths Across 6 counties in 2025

Data tracking will also be increasingly focused on overdose outcomes following release from incarceration. By linking correctional health data with overdose surveillance, the ORS team will identify patterns and high-risk windows for individuals reentering the community. This information will be used to inform post-release outreach, improve continuity of care, and expand access to medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) during and after incarceration. Together, these forward-looking initiatives position West Virginia as a leader in using data-driven, multi-jurisdictional strategies to reduce overdoses and save lives.

APPENDIX D

INTERVENTION

Police and Peers (PNP)

The Police and Peers program (PNP) was designed to reduce the burden on law enforcement responding to non-violent, non-law-enforcement-specific incidents (particularly those involving substance use disorder), by pairing a Certified Peer Recovery Support Specialist (CPRSS) with law enforcement agencies.

The first PNP partner was the Fayetteville Police Department. The program has since expanded to encompass the: Fayette County Sheriff, along with the Oak Hill, St. Albans, Nitro, Morgantown, and Gauley Bridge police departments.

CPRSS who provide services under the grant are licensed by the Certification Board for Addiction & Prevention Professionals, that requires 500 hours of volunteer and/or paid experience, supervision, ethics hours, and passing an exam. In addition to being invaluable professionals in the field, the CPRSS are trained in overdose reversal, case management, motivational interviewing, and de-escalation of behavioral-health or domestic-violence situations.

The program has continued to strengthen its community visibility, partnerships with law enforcement, and positive client outcomes such as connections to treatment, housing, employment, and coordinated reentry from incarceration.

PNP has:

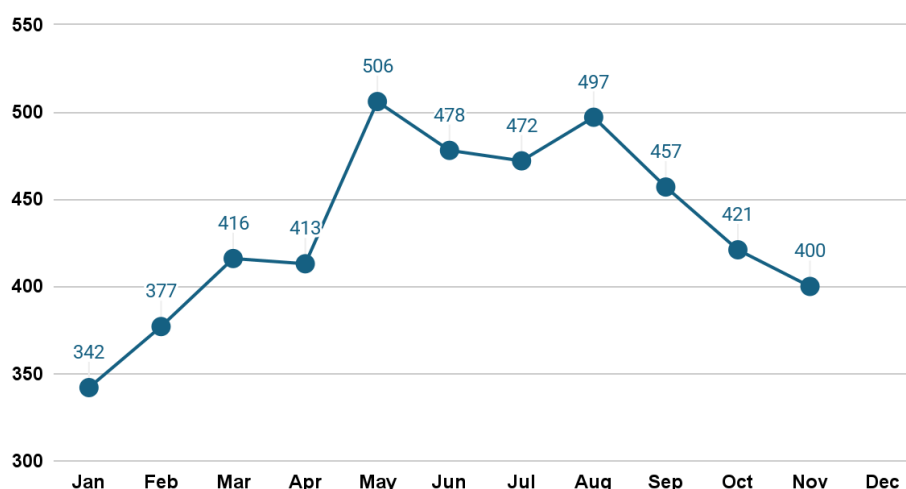
- Increased new clients by 70%
- Increased client retention in the program by 140%
- Increased referrals to treatment by 37%
- Increased referrals to MAT by 44%
- Increased community naloxone distribution by 1,967%
- Increased community distribution of fentanyl test strips by 1,117%

Community Naloxone Reporting Dashboard

The West Virginia Naloxone Distribution Reporting Dashboard developed by the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy using the ODCP naloxone distribution reporting data serves as a centralized platform to monitor and evaluate the distribution, access, and impact of naloxone throughout the state. This reporting and analysis platform displays useful information surrounding naloxone

distribution including: number of naloxone kits distributed by type of facility, number of naloxone kits distributed by month and year, number of kits left at scene of suspected non-fatal overdose and the number of naloxone kits distributed in each West Virginia county. Naloxone, a life-saving medication that reverses opioid overdoses, is a critical tool in combating the opioid epidemic. This dashboard is designed to enhance transparency, track program efficacy, and inform stakeholders about the availability and utilization of naloxone. There are future plans to merge this dashboard into an all inclusive dashboard. Until then, the dashboard can be accessed at <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/c2054ef1769b45e5ad692050e934e71c>.

EMS Response for Suspected Overdose



ONEbox

The ONEbox® is an emergency opioid overdose reversal kit designed as an AED-type device for easy community deployment. It places life-saving naloxone in proximity to where overdoses may occur, such as businesses, schools, universities, music/sports venues, libraries, bars, and restaurants. The kit promotes safety by providing on-demand video training in both English and Spanish, ensuring individuals have the necessary instruction immediately. Communities across the country, particularly Appalachia, have adopted the ONEbox® to deploy naloxone, train community members, and reduce the associated stigma. This initiative has resulted in the placement of over 200 boxes of naloxone in locations nationwide..

Washington-Baltimore High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Overdose Data Mapping Application Program (ODMAP)

The Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP) offers real-time syndromic surveillance and alerts to first responders and public health partners, including law enforcement,

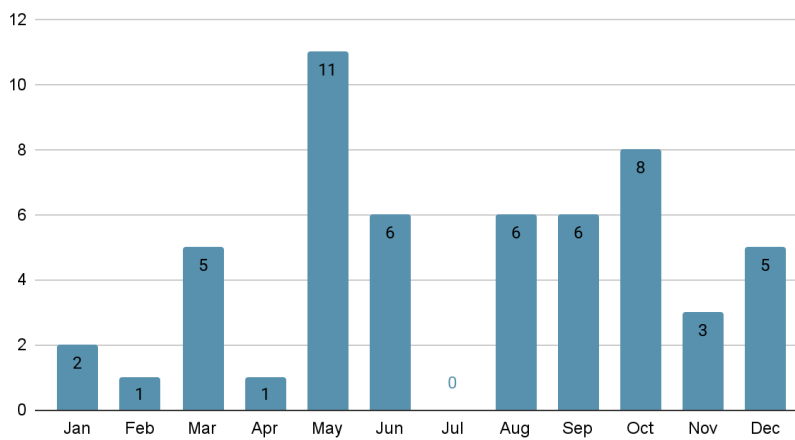
Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Quick Response Teams (QRTs), Regional Coordinators (RCs), and community organizations. By integrating data on fatal and non-fatal suspected overdoses, ODMAP generates timely alerts and spatial analyses, facilitating a rapid response to imminent overdose threats. As of October 2025, the state has registered 496 individual users representing 145 agencies, which encompass major task forces, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the WV Fusion Center, the WV Department of Human Resources (WV DoHS), the U.S. Attorney's Office, State Police, Sheriff's offices, and municipal/campus police departments.

ODMAP's automated Spike Alerts notify regional and county-level teams of an increase in suspected overdoses within a defined temporal and geographic area. This capability enables coordinated interventions, public notification, and the strategic deployment of resources, such as naloxone. ODCP's data dashboard now incorporates daily updated, real-time spike alerts for West Virginia and surrounding states, thereby enhancing situational awareness and supporting timely, cross-state action. These alerts are accessible at <https://odcp.wv.gov/data-dashboards/spike-alerts>.

Additionally, ODMAP issues individual overdose alerts, providing near real-time situational awareness for personnel engaging with substance users. Regional Coordinators receive immediate notification when county-specific thresholds are met or exceeded.

In 2025, 38 overdose spike alerts were disseminated, with the month of May registering the highest volume. Over 3,000 suspected overdose alerts prompted QRT personnel to conduct follow-up communication with local partners and to initiate outreach to victims, offering resources for the treatment and recovery from Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and Opioid Use Disorder (OUD).

ODMAP West Virginia Spike Alerts



APPENDIX E

TREATMENT

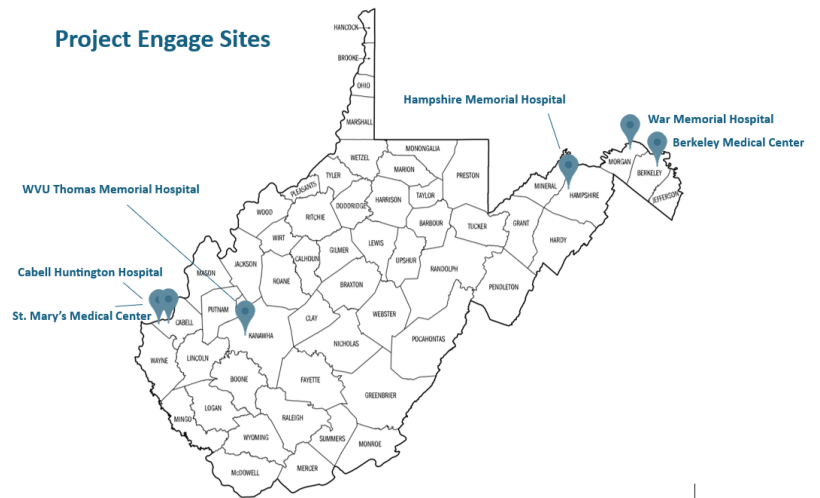
Project Engage Expansion

Given the program's success, Thomas Memorial Hospital, War Memorial Hospital, and Hampshire Memorial Hospital received funding to implement Project Engage. Since August, the new sites have embedded their initial peer recovery support specialists in both inpatient and outpatient settings. A key focus for the new Project Engage staff has been educating hospital personnel and raising awareness about stigma, thereby linking them with the program to support patient care and treatment plans.

August 2025 - Current	War Memorial Hospital	Hampshire Memorial Hospital	Thomas Memorial Hospital
Patients seen in the Inpatient	22	14	23
Patients seen in the ED	29	20	12
MOUD Induction	7	4	0
Outpatient Referral to Treatment	16	10	11
Inpatient Referral to Treatment	11	8	6

Project Engage is now in the following Hospitals:

1. St. Mary's Medical Center
Huntington, WV
2. Cabell Huntington Hospital
Huntington, WV
3. Berkeley Medical Center
Martinsburg, WV
4. Hampshire Memorial Hospital
Romney, WV
5. War Memorial Hospital
Berkeley Springs, WV



APPENDIX F

RECOVERY

Jobs & Hope West Virginia

Jobs & Hope West Virginia is the state’s workforce initiative. The program connects individuals in recovery with comprehensive support services to overcome barriers to employment and education. In partnership with the West Virginia Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP), Jobs & Hope offers participants access to training, transportation, legal aid, peer recovery support, and more—helping create pathways to long-term stability and independence.

Program Outcomes	July 2025	December 2025
Total Participants Engaged	1,627	1,520
Expungements Completed	47	48
Participants Employed	10,510	11,651
Driver's Licenses Reinstated	3,076	3,326
Program Graduates	608	652
Average Annual Salary	\$22,069	\$23,250
Individuals No Longer Receiving SNAP Benefits	2,033	2,249
Total Combined Annual Salaries	\$93.2 million	\$102.9 million

APPENDIX I

WEST VIRGINIA 2025 PRIORITIES AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN UPDATE

The West Virginia 2025 Priorities and Implementation Plan is a continuation of the West Virginia 2020-2022 Substance Use Response Plan. This document indicates the 2025 goals and strategies for implementation of priority response initiatives to address SUD within West Virginia communities. The report is organized by the following eight strategic areas of the West Virginia Substance Use Response Plan.

- Prevention
- Community Engagement & Supports
- Treatment, Health Systems, and Research
- Courts & Justice-Involved Populations
- Law Enforcement
- Public Education
- Recovery Subcommittee
- Pregnant and Parenting Women
- Youth

Implementation of the 2025 Action Plan resulted in the following progress for the 105 KPIs being reported. Of note is that total KPIs may vary from quarter to quarter as Subcommittees add or remove KPIs during implementation.

	Q1 Progress	Q2 Progress	Q3 Progress	Q4 Progress
KPIs Completed	10 (0.07%)	30 (21%)	40 (28%)	76 (53.52%)
KPIs In Progress	48 (33.8%)	60 (42%)	40 (28%)	24 (16.9%)
Not Started	45 (31.69%)	26 (18%)	14 (10%)	10 (7.04%)
Not Reported	39 (27.46%)	26 (18%)	0 (0%)	32 (22.54%)
KPIs Completed or In Progress at End of Quarter	58 (33.87%)	90 (63%)	80 (56%)	100 (70.42%)

The 2026 Action Plan in its entirety, will be available sometime in the future on the Office of Drug Control Policy website at <https://odcp.wv.gov/>.