

Washington County Opioid Coalition  
Existing Washington County Initiatives

**Direct Services:**

**Specialty Courts-** Drug/ Treatment Court (2005), Veterans Court (2011), Mental Health Court (2011)DUI

Court (2017) Specialty courts operate by using the power of the criminal justice system to encourage offenders to seek appropriate treatment in order to reduce criminal behavior

**Operation Refuge (2016)-** D & A Education and training provided to faith leaders so that they can properly direct people with addiction issues into treatment providers and to reduce stigma

**Warm Hand-off (2016)-** embedded case managers at the Washington Hospital are available to assist individuals presenting at the ER in accessing treatment and recovery services through D & A

**Medicaid Pilot (2013)-** Permits inmates to continue their receipt of Medicaid services for purposes of acquiring treatment upon release from WCCF

**Centers of Excellence (2016)-**“Help ensure that people with opioid-related substance use disorder stay in treatment and receive appropriate services.”-

**Harm Reduction Strategies:**

**First Responder Naloxone (2015)-** Using forfeiture money provides naloxone through first responders to help reverse life threatening effects of opioid overdose. To date, 124 utilizations, 111 successful reversals and 201 doses used county-wide

**Prescription Medication Drop Boxes (2014)-** Return boxes for unused/ unwanted medications located in 21 police stations county-wide. Paid for with grant from PDAA.

**DEA Take Back Days (2014)-** Twice a year live pick-up is scheduled at various locations throughout the county. Next scheduled event is Saturday, April 29, 2017

**Public Education/ Outreach**

**Educational programs in Schools (2012)**- Evidence based programming being conducted in schools by WD&A.

**Drug Summits (2012)**- One shot programs combining presentations by Coroner, DA, D & A, DEA and others to promote awareness of prescription medication and relationship to heroin

**PSAs**- Radio/Print spots to promote awareness of how to access services and to reduce stigma.

**Health Professional CME on Opioid use (2016)**- Education to healthcare professionals on Opioid prescribing

**Law Enforcement Strategies:**

**Magisterial Diversion Program (2015)**- Offered diversion from prosecution to treatment for non-violent offenders.

**Federal Prosecution of Offenders causing Death or SBI (2015)**- Taking dangerous offenders to the federal system for prosecution with a SAUSA.

**Proposed Initiatives:**

**Integrating Treatment into the Correctional Facility (2017)**- PCCD grant to encourage the early start of treatment in facility, with MAT (Vivitrol) on discharge and follow-up treatment on re-entry. Requested \$150k in grant funding.

**Connection Project (2017):** Coordinated venture between WD&A, Center for Emergency Medicine and Ambulance and Chair Service to train paramedics to interact with chronically ill patients to eliminate barriers to effective treatment services.