

Mission Statement
Chemical Health & Justice Sanctions
of La Crosse County

Enhancing individual recovery and public safety
through effective community collaboration.

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Jared is a 25 year old OWI Treatment Court participant who has four drunken driving convictions with the most recent conviction occurring in 2010. Common among those participating in OWI Treatment Court, Jared has had no other contact with the law besides convictions for drunk driving. He has a good job and family support to remain clean and sober - significant assets for someone involved in the criminal justice system.

When Jared was asked if he plans on remaining alcohol free upon commencement from the OWI Treatment Court, he indicated he doesn't "want" to drink again but also knows he may succumb to peer pressure in the future. This is not an uncommon belief of people Jared's age as alcohol use is common in the culture. Alcoholism runs in his family and he understands the importance of remaining vigilant regarding issues of substance abuse.

Jared's perception of fairness regarding the OWI Treatment Court indicated the program has requirements that are fair, but he would like to see staff more accessible for client needs. Two case managers and a substance abuse treatment provider work together with the treatment court team to provide the screening, assessment and case plan for each participant.



OWI Treatment Court is designed to provide intervention and supervision for a minimum of one year with people who have been convicted of two intoxicated driving convictions. A recidivism review was completed of those who participated in the program between 2006 and 2008. Of those who successfully completed the program, 8% were convicted of another OWI offense. Of those who were not successful, 20% were convicted of another OWI offense.

Interaction Between Treatment and the Court System

Jared is a good example of how the La Crosse County system has been enhanced over the last few years. Historically, when Jared was convicted of an OWI offense, he would have been referred for an assessment and to follow through with treatment. There was no communication between the court system and the assessors at La Crosse County Human Services, who provided information to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation regarding the status of Jared's driver's license. Jared would have completed the jail time and gone on with his life.

After the implementation of the OWI Treatment Court in 2006, an incentive was provided to people (less jail) participating in the OWI Treatment Court to receive an assessment and follow through with treatment in a more timely manner. A separate assessment was completed by Justice Sanctions' staff and by substance abuse assessors. Both sat on the treatment court team, but there were two plans in place for each participant.

Integrating the chemical health staff and Justice Sanctions' staff allowed for better service provision for the clients. Treatment court staff and the assessor combine information to develop one plan for the person which is shared with the team. Conditions must be met for an OWI Treatment Court participant to progress in the treatment court process. In 2010, the process was streamlined so that the OWI Treatment Court Coordinators supervise people charged with an OWI offense on bond. This allows the coordinators to work with the potential clients at an earlier stage in the process and encourage participation in the program.



Chemical Health

Chemical health services continue to change and grow. A request for proposal was distributed in October 2010 in all areas of contracted services including prevention, specialized education/alternative education, outreach, and supported housing/harm reduction. Proposals were received and the following vendors were chosen for services to begin March 1, 2011:

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1. Specialized Education/Alternative Education: Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Clinic and Coulee Council on Addictions
2. Outreach: Coulee Youth and Adult Services
3. Supported Housing: Coulee Youth and Adult Services

Several studies conducted in the mid- 1980's concluded that outcomes were the same for both residential and outpatient treatment settings. As outpatient treatment is less costly it is more cost-effective (<http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/HRS/ch5.htm>). As a result of that information, La Crosse County has directed funding toward outpatient, outreach and supported housing services. This allows more people to be served over a longer period of time. A total of 2,170 services were funded in 2010, ranging from detoxification at the hospital to outreach services.



Transition from Jail to Community (TJC) Initiative

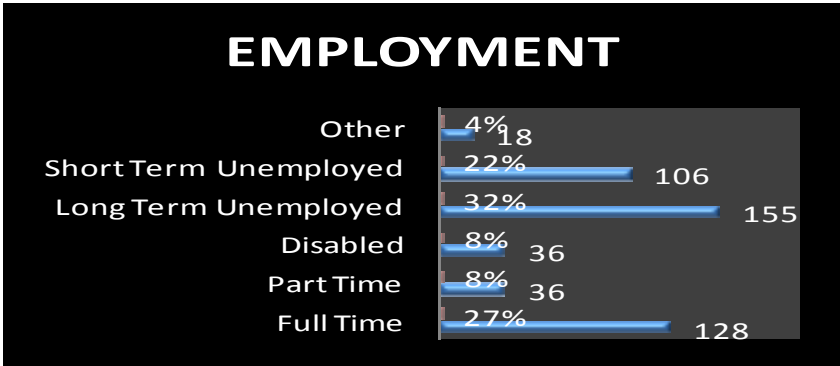
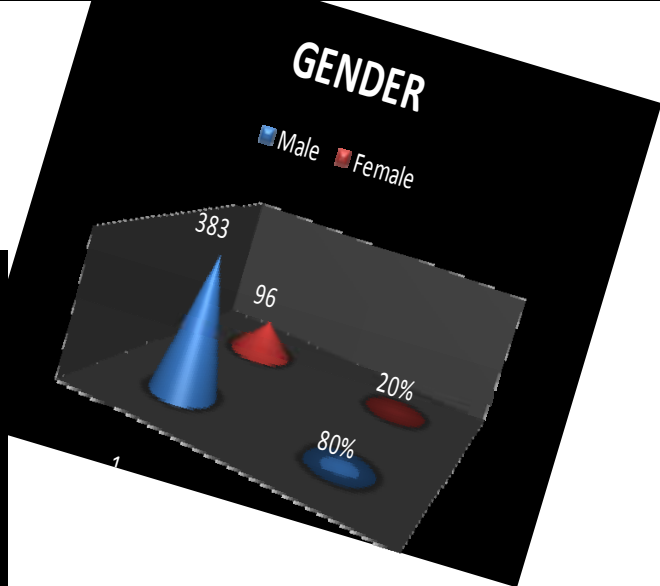
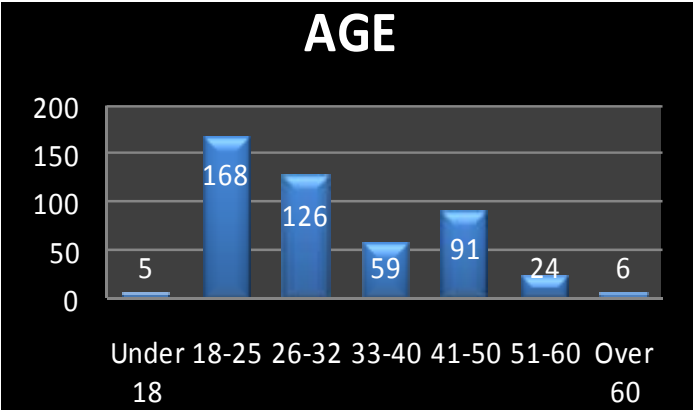
The TJC Initiative began in 2009 as a technical assistance grant from the Urban Institute and the National Institute of Corrections. Community partnerships continue to expand to focus on serving people as they are released from the jail. Over 20 staff and community members were trained in "Thinking for a Change" (T4C), a cognitive behavioral program designed for people involved in the criminal justice system. T4C Groups for men and women were initiated in the jail, the community, and at Chemical Health and Justice Sanctions (CHJS), which allows people to be involved in the same group, whether incarcerated or in the

community. Cognitive behavior groups are an evidence based practice designed to reduce recidivism and increase social skills for the participants.

Due to the TJC Initiative, some staff members are receiving 160 hours of Offender Workforce Development Specialist training in 2011.

AIM (Assess, Inform, and Measure) Project

The AIM Project is supported by the Supreme Court of Wisconsin to assist counties in developing a feedback loop regarding judicial decisions. In 2010, Justice Sanctions completed more than 1500 screenings and assessments for people in the criminal justice system. Of those screened/assessed 479 people had not been screened or assessed in the last 12 months, which directs the social workers to complete an assessment. The demographics of the 479 referrals are as follows:



2010 Statistics

CHEMICAL HEALTH

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JUSTICE SANCTIONS

PROGRAM AREAS

BAIL MONITORING

AODA SERVICES

DRUG TESTING

TREATMENT COURTS

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
COURT

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY
BASED PROGRAM

SENTENCED CLIENTS

CHEMICAL HEALTH

Bail Monitoring	2010 Annual Total
New Screenings	769
Successful Complete	429
Unsuccessful	328
Did Not Participate	144
Bed Day Saved Total	51,523
Average clients/day	114

OWI Irresponsible Users	2010 Annual Total
Total Participants	205
Successful Completion	86
Unsuccessful	8
Did Not Participate	23
Total EM Days	1,341
Avg bed days saved/day	4

OWI Treatment Court	2010 Annual Total
New Screenings	142
Successful Complete	52
Unsuccessful	48
Bed Days Saved	1,218
Avg bed days saved/day	33

Sentenced	2010 Annual Total
New Screenings	350
Successful Complete	270
Unsuccessful	130
Bed Days Saved	19,042
Average clients/day	54

DOC/Child Support/Community Service	2010 Annual Total
Total Bed Days saved	1,353
Average clients/day	4

Overall Total	2010 Annual Total
Total Days saved/month	85,440
ADP-Jail Reduction	234

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<http://www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/HumanServices/js/index.htm>