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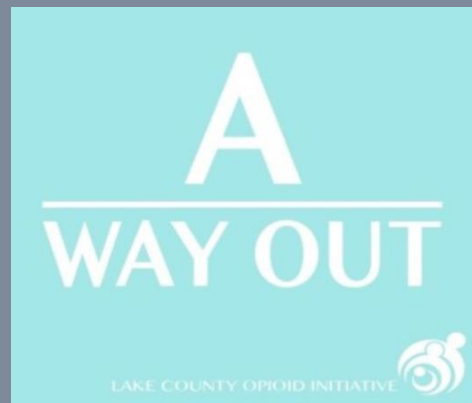
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LAKE COUNTY OPIOID INITIATIVE

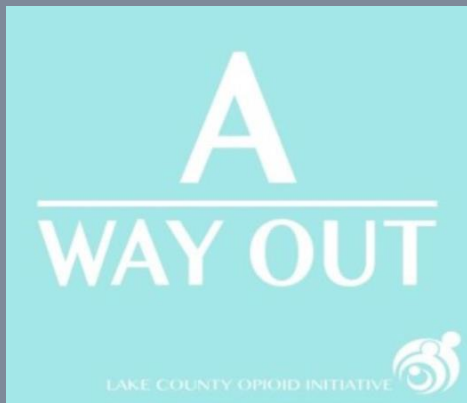




The A Way Out Program was launched on June 1, 2016 from the Lake County Opioid Initiative, a county wide Task Force which began in 2012 in Lake County Illinois. The Program was modeled after the Angel Program in Gloucester, Massachusetts



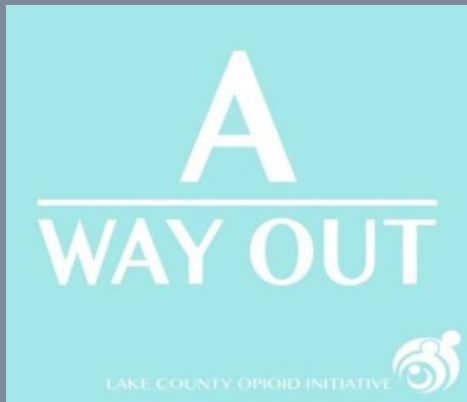
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A Way Out - is a county-wide Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program, designed to fast-track users to substance abuse programs and services.

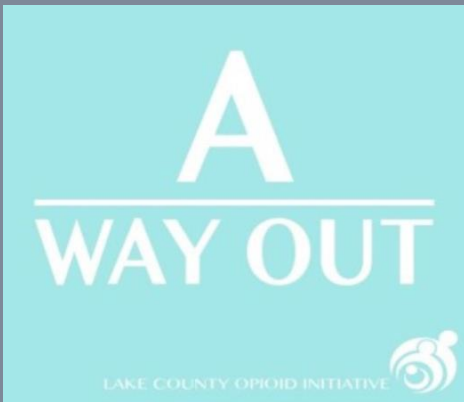
- Available 24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a Week, 365 Days a Year
- Participants will **NOT** be charged for possession of narcotics or paraphernalia as long as participant voluntarily presents to police station or officer for assistance.

Partners in the A Way Out Program



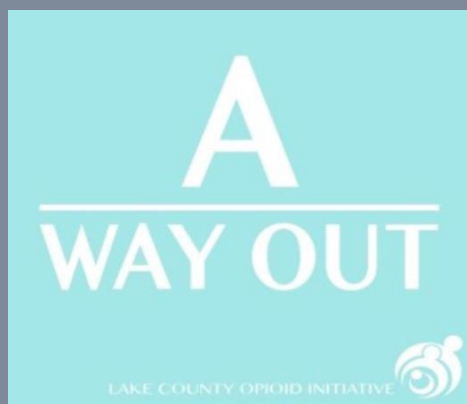
- Lake State's Attorney's Office
- Antioch Police Department
- Deerfield Police Department
- Grayslake Police Department
- Gurnee Police Department
- Lake County Sheriffs Department
- Libertyville Police Department
- Mundelein Police Department
- Lake Forest Police Department
- Round Lake Beach Police Department
- Round Lake Park Police Department
- Zion Police Department
- Lake County Health Department
- NICASA
- **Lake County Probation**
- **Lake County Bar Association**
- **Lake County Judges**
- **12 Step Community**
- Advocate Condell Hospital
- Advocate Good Shepard
- Northwestern Memorial Health Care (Lake Forest/Grayslake)
- Vista Health
- Live4Lali
- Gateway Foundation
- Soft Landing Recovery
- Rosecrance
- OmniYouth Services
- Brightside Clinics

Program Documents



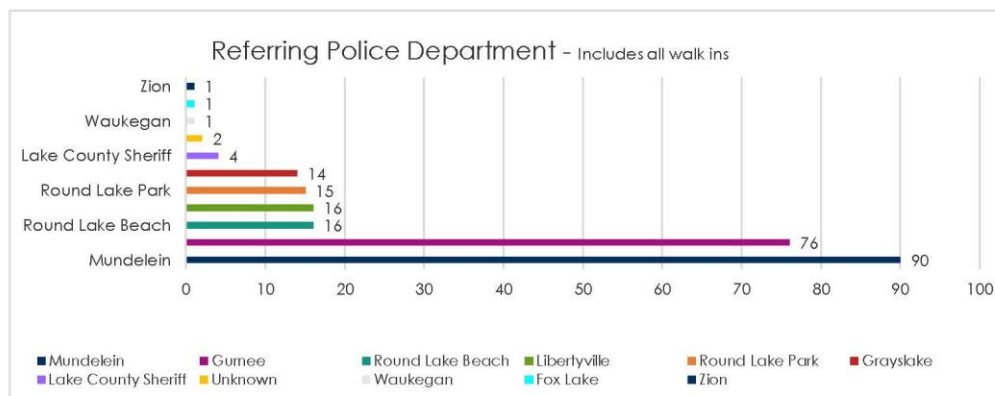
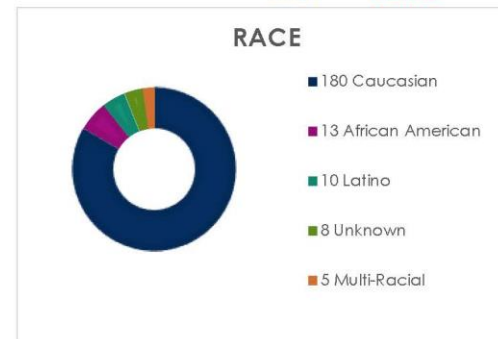
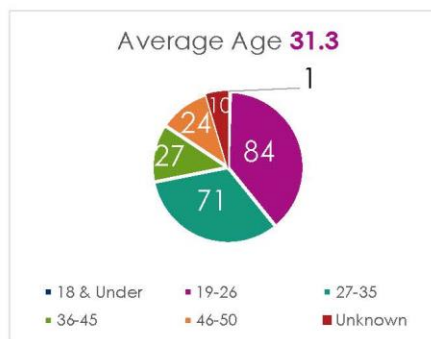
- Memorandum of Understanding Between Partners
 - http://police.mundelein.org/sites/default/files/shared-files/A_Way_Out_MOU.pdf
- Program Participant Waiver
 - http://police.mundelein.org/sites/default/files/shared-files/A_Way_Out_Waiver.pdf
- Brief Screening Tool-conducted via phone
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Participant Information Year 1

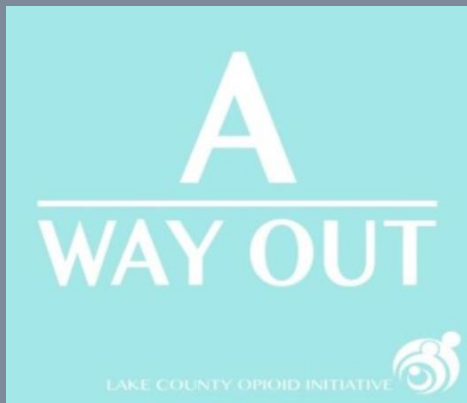


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*Twenty-one participants entered police stations but after initial screening, declined treatment services offered. These individuals are not represented in the data below.



Pre-arrest Diversion



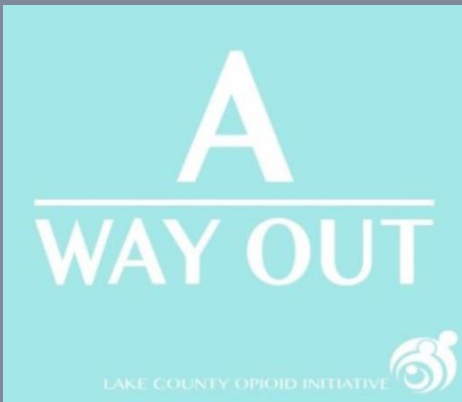
- Pre Arrest Diversion – the concept of diverting eligible individuals away from criminal justice systems and into behavioral health interventions.
 - Use these models with substance use and / or mental health.
 - Reduces crime and recidivism.
 - Half of violent crime offenders and theft of property offenders say they committed crimes while under the influence.
 - Improves community / law enforcement relations.
 - Reduces burden on the justice system.
 - About 80,000 Americans are incarcerated for Opioid related crimes alone.
 - Restores lives / families
 - Reduces costs
 - Every dollar spent on treatment, saves up to three dollars in crime reduction.

Program Evaluation

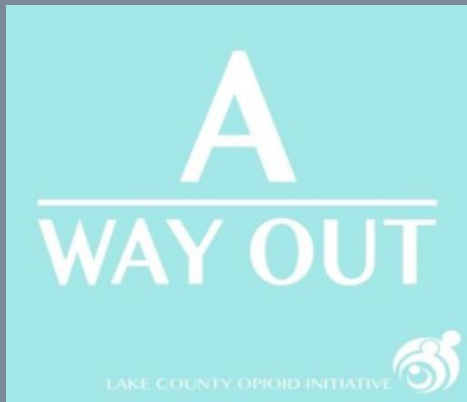


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- Community assessment of officers and community stakeholders.
- Participant initial assessment, and longitudinal assessment of participant outcomes over one year after program entry.



Questions?



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