

WEST VIRGINIA PUBLIC DEFENDER CORPORATION RECOVERY COACH PROJECT

July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021: 12 Months in Review

Where Public Defender Recovery Coaches Operate

Six recovery coaches and one treatment coordinator work across 25 counties in West Virginia:

- 1st and 2nd Judicial Circuits: Brooke, Hancock, Ohio, Marshall, Tyler, and Wetzel Counties.
- 4th Judicial Circuit (Treatment Coordinator): Wood and Wirt Counties.
- 5th and 28th Judicial Circuits: Jackson, Roane, Calhoun and Nicholas Counties.
- 6th, 24th, and 25th Judicial Circuits: Cabell, Wayne, Boone and Lincoln Counties.
- 7th, 8th, and 30th Judicial Circuits: Logan, McDowell, and Mingo Counties.
- 10th, 11th, and 12th Judicial Circuits: Raleigh, Fayette, Greenbrier and Pocahontas Counties.
- 15th and 18th Judicial Circuits: Harrison and Preston Counties.

Public Defender Recovery Coaches contact defendants and intervene at the earliest stage after entrance into the criminal legal system: shortly after legal appointment is made.

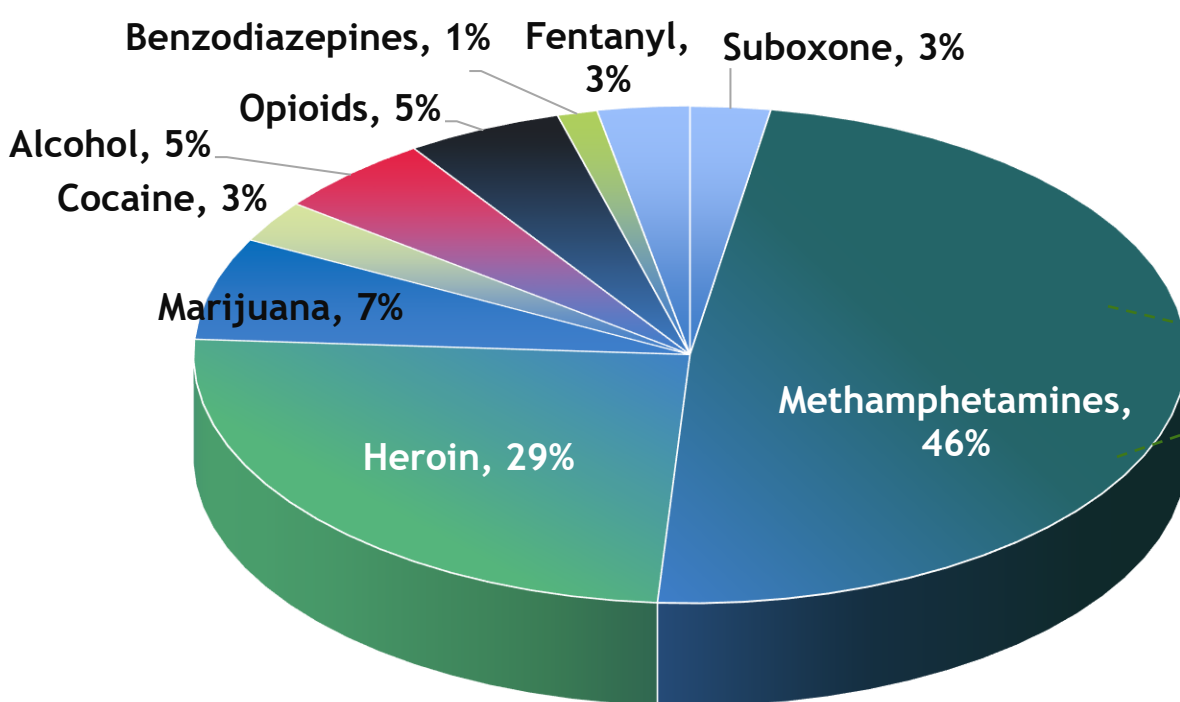
Initial Intake Data



The **Recovery Capital Scale** is a tool to measure a person's recovery capacity (the resources, strengths, and willingness that person brings with them into the treatment process). The maximum score is 175 points and the higher the Recovery Capital Scale score the better chances for success in treatment and long-term sobriety.

Snapshot of Public Defender Clients Served

Clients Reporting Substance of Choice



Overall, 35% of respondents at intake reported methamphetamine use in combination with another substance, increasing overdose risk.

Upon 6-Month Follow Up...



Compared to 111 (avg.) at intake; a 18% increase.

Upon 12-Month Follow Up...



The Public Defender Corporation Recovery Coach Project intervenes into the lives of substance using criminal defendants to reduce overdose risk and risk for reoffending by identifying and linking them to treatment at the earliest stage of the criminal justice process. Since July 2019, the recovery coaches have worked with public defenders and clients towards holistic representation. **For more information contact Public Defender Services at (304) 558-3905 or visit www.pds.wv.gov.**

¹ Of the 683 referrals, there is limited data for 341 clients, or 50% of those referred to recovery coaches. Approximately 31% of the overall number of clients referred did not receive any services due to non-response (such as lack of client interest or case resolution). Those who fall within that 19% difference are included in the data wherever applicable.

² Based on 421 intakes. This represents an 8% increase from last year.

³ 1% of those who entered treatment completed treatment.

⁴ Based on 83 responses; many follow-ups occurred during the pandemic.

⁵ 55% of our results were unknown for rearrests at 6 months, 82% unknown at 12 months.

⁶ 57% of our results were unknown for relapses at 6 months, 79% at 12 months.

