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Established in 2013 by four co-developers:

- ❑ Mike Nerheim, Lake County States Attorney
- ❑ Chelsea Laliberte, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Live4Lali
- ❑ Chief George Filenko, Round Lake Beach Police
- ❑ Bruce Johnson, CEO, Nicasa Behavioral Health Services

Membership now exceeds 300 individuals and organizations



Lake County Opioid Initiative's Mission and Vision statement

- ▶ To develop, implement, evaluate and sustain a multi-strategy county-wide effort to prevent opioid abuse, addiction, overdose, and death.
- ▶ **Vision Statement:** Lake County will be the premier leader and example that effectively addresses all facets of the opioid epidemic to improve the health and safety of our communities.



LCOI'S Programs

- ▶ Police Naloxone Program
- ▶ Text-A-Tip via Leading Efforts Against Drugs.
Download the App Lake County HELP
- ▶ Launching of the “A Way Out Program”.
 - Over 470 participants have entered the program since its launch on June 1st, 2016.
- ▶ Drug Disposal efforts



Naloxone Program

- ▶ Since December 2014.
- ▶ All 38 Lake County Police Departments carry.
- ▶ Coordinated by Lake County Health Department.
- ▶ Naloxone provided by Kaleo in the form of a \$600,000 to \$700,000 donation.
- ▶ **Nearly 300 lives saved since inception.**



Text-A-Tip

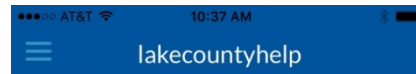
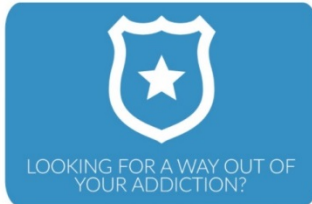
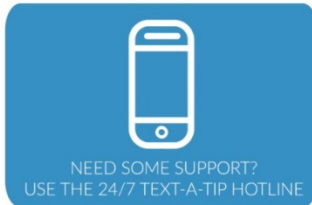
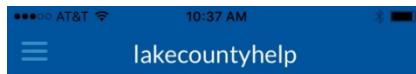
- ▶ 24/7/365
- ▶ Anonymous and Free
- ▶ 15,000 plus texts in the last school year.
- ▶ Leadingefforts.org
- ▶ Download the App
Lake County HELP in the App store
or on Google Play for Androids



Lake County Help App

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/lake-county-help/id1184491344?mt=8>

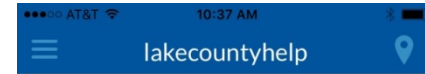
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A Way Out is a Lake County Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion program, designed to fast-track users to substance abuse treatment programs and services. This program is available 24/7/365.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- 1 Locate a participating police department. See below for a listing of participating departments.
- 2 Walk in through the main doors.
- 3 Tell front desk that you want to participate in **A Way Out**. If you are seeking help after open lobby hours, locate the call box and tell dispatch you want to participate in **A Way Out**.



-  Round Lake Park Police Department
215 E Main St Round Lake Park
-  Round Lake Beach Police Department
1947 Municipal Way Round Lake Beach
-  Mundelein Police Department
221 N Lake St Mundelein
-  Libertyville Police Department
200 E Cook Ave Libertyville
-  Lake Forest Police Department
255 W Deerpath Rd Lake Forest
-  Gurnee Police Department
100 O'Plaine Rd Gurnee
-  Grayslake Police Department
10 Seymour Ave Grayslake



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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- 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.



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.



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 Zurich Police Department
- Waukegan 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
- Omni Youth 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
 - http://police.mundelein.org/sites/default/files/shared-files/A_Way_Out_screening_tool.pdf



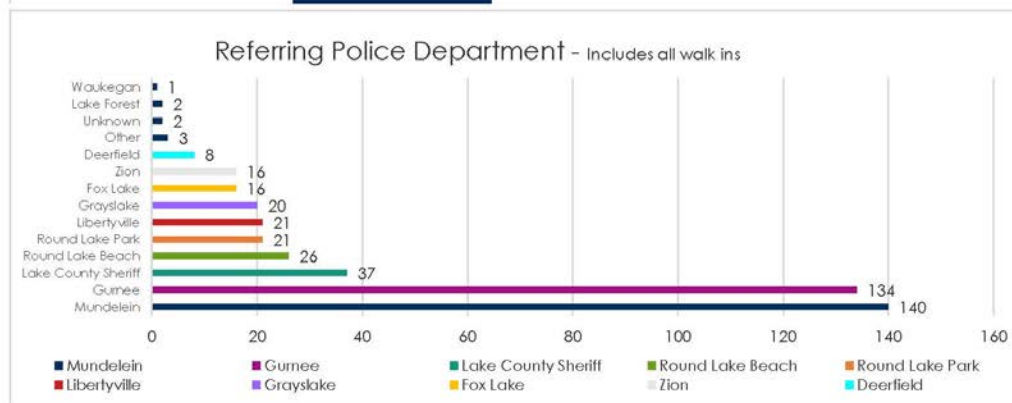
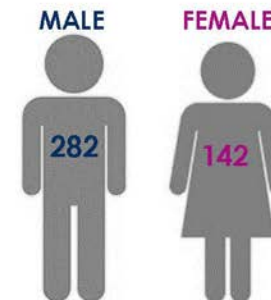
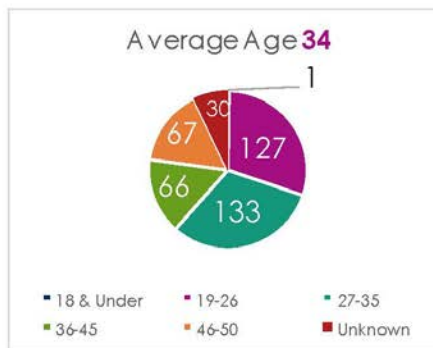
Participant Information

June 1, 2016
through
September 30, 2018



463 A WAY OUT CLIENTS ACCESSED TREATMENT

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



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.

Preliminary Outcome data: A Way Out

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About the data sample

- Collected by ICJIA researchers on site
- One treatment provider
- Sample size (N=902)
 - AWO, n=149 admissions
 - Non-AWO, n=753 admissions
- Clients served from 6/2016 – 7/2018

AWO Client Admissions : Demographics

Demographic	(n=149)
Male	59.7%
White	87.9%
Black	4.7%
Hispanic/Latinx	3.4%
Age at first use (mean)	16.5 years (median=15 years)
Number of prior treatment episodes (mean)	2.8 episodes

AWO Client Admissions: Insurance and Employment

Insurance Type (n=149)	Percentage
MCO/Medicaid Managed Care	37.6%
None	32.2%
Private	16.8%
Medicaid	9.4%
Medicare	2.7%
Other	1.3%

Employment (n=149)	Percentage
Unemployed	75.2%
Employed	20.2%
Disabled/Unable to work	2.7%
Other	1.3%
Inmate	0.7%

AWO Client Admissions: Drug Use

	Primary Drug (n=149)	Secondary Drug (n=121)	Tertiary Drug (n=75)
Heroin/Opioids	69.8%	5.0%	2.7%
Alcohol	18.8%	5.0%	12.0%
Cocaine	8.1%	42.2%	8.0%
Methamphetamines, Amphetamines, or other stimulants	2.7%	0.8%	8.0%
Benzodiazepines	0.7%	11.6%	12.0%
Marijuana	--	21.5%	22.7%
Nicotine	--	12.4%	34.7%
Non-barbituates, sedatives	--	1.7%	--

- Of the 149 AWO client admissions, 81% had polysubstance use

AWO Client Admissions : Mental Health Diagnosis

Mental Health Diagnosis (n=55)	MH1	MH2
Depressive Disorder	32.7%	19.0%
Anxiety Disorder	34.5%	57.1%
Bipolar Disorder	14.5%	9.5%
Trauma and Stressor Related Disorder/PTSD	10.9%	9.5%
Other Disorder	7.3%	4.8%

- 55 AWO client admissions, 36.9%, had a mental health diagnosis
- Of those admissions with a mental health diagnosis, 38% had multiple diagnosis

AWO Client Admissions: Discharge Status

Discharge Status (n=145)	Percentage
Completed level/treatment	71.0%
Left against staff advice/Did not complete	28.3%
Incarcerated	0.7%

- Just over 70% of AWO client admissions completed treatment

Research next steps

- ICJIA researchers will analyze arrest outcomes
- Compare AWO and non-AWO clients
- An article with final results is forthcoming

Contact us:

- ▶ LCOI's General Contact & Website Information
 - Email us at: info@opioidinitiative.org
 - opioidinitiative.org
- ▶ A Way Out Website:
 - awayoutlc.org
- ▶ Drug Disposal Website
 - LakeCountyDrugFree.org

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