

Washington State Residential Substance Abuse Treatment program

Overview

Through the US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance Programs, the Washington State Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Program is a formula grant program that expands Washington State's ability to provide residential substance use disorder (SUD) treatment to incarcerated individuals. The program funds evidence-based SUD treatment in carceral setting and prepares clients for successful community reintegration through aftercare services which may include post-release referral to appropriate evidence-based aftercare treatment and/or service providers.

Project design and implementation

The WA-RSAT program requires utilization of evidence-based treatment modalities that include the following consideration:

- Engage participants for at least three months.
- Provide residential treatment facilities set apart, in a separate facility or dedicated housing unit, from the general correctional population
- Focus on the participant's SUD diagnosis and related needs
- Develop the participant's cognitive, behavioral, social, vocational, and other skills to address substance use and related concerns
- Require urinalysis and other proven methods of drug and alcohol testing for program participants
- Prepare clients for successful community reintegration and aftercare services

Eligibility

All potential RSAT participants are screened to determine eligibility using several standardized risks and needs screening instruments that include

SUD and mental health. Drug testing is required for individuals participating in the RSAT program, as well as while participating in aftercare programs until they are no longer under supervision by the state or county in which they were charged.

Authority

The RSAT Program was created by the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-322) and codified at 34 U.S.C. § 10421 et. seq.

Federal award number: 15PBJA-21-GG-00089-RSAT

Budget

Federal Grant Awards and Annual Award Amount:

- 2023, \$590,444
- 2022, \$564,566
- 2021, \$478,167
- 2020, \$438,297
- 2019, \$422,195

People served

- Since October 1, 2021, Island County Jail has served 15 participants.
 - *Island County spent the first year establishing RSAT staffing, protocols, and curriculum and started admitting RSAT participants in October 2022
- Since February 1, 2023, Washington State Corrections Center for Women has served 69 participants.
- Since October 2021, Jefferson County Jail has served 233 participants.

Key partners

DBHR contracts with three RSAT sites: Island County Jail, Jefferson County Jail, and Washington State Corrections Center for Women.

Island County Jail serves a community of 87,432 residents in 208 square miles of land. Jefferson County incorporates some of our most rural cities in the state, serving 31,825 residents over 2,183 square miles of land. Washington Corrections Center for Women is a Washington State Department of Corrections women's prison located in Gig Harbor, WA. With an operating capacity of 740, it is the largest women's prison in the state.

Oversight

Internal

Program oversight provided by Department of Justice Grants Administrator in the Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery.

External

Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance Programs.

More information

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