

# Pierce County Opioid Task Force: July 2019 Update

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The [Pierce County District Court Resource Center](#) (PCDCRC) provides access to a variety of social services and programs to individuals involved with the justice system in one centralized location. By coordinating services in one location, individuals will receive immediate connections to service providers.

The PCDCRC partners with numerous professional service providers within the community who are available on a regular basis. This allows for collaborative problem-solving to ensure a comprehensive service plan for individuals. These partners include DSHS (Public Assistance, ID Vouchers, Social Security Navigation), Community Health Care (Medicaid/Medicare Insurance Navigation), LASA (Homelessness Prevention), Comprehensive Life Resources (Homelessness Outreach), Pioneer Human Services (Substance Use Disorder Assessments, Clean and Sober Housing, Employment Services), Work Source (Employment Training and Employment Events) and the Just Threads Clothing Bank.

In addition to the above-noted services provided, the Trueblood Team, which includes, Greater Lakes Mental Health (Mental Health Therapy, Jail Transition Services, Case Management) and Catholic Community Services (Housing Navigation, Case Management) provides case management and supportive services to Trueblood class-members. Trueblood Class-members are defined as individuals who are now or have a history of waiting in jail for:

- Court ordered in-jail evaluation of competency to stand trial or
- Court-ordered admission for inpatient evaluation/restoration services

Due to one or more of the following conditions that may impact their competency to stand trial: Mental health and/or substance use conditions, intellectual and developmental disabilities, traumatic brain injuries, or other cognitive impairments due to age, injury or disease.

Central to the Pierce County District Resource Center are the Alternative Programs of Day Reporting and Work Crew. Both programs offer alternatives to confinement and a means to meet court financial obligations.

Day Reporting provides a diverse curriculum that educates participants on topics such as employment, parenting, health issues, domestic violence, consumer awareness, and communication.

Work Crew participants learn accountability and new job skills while providing services to their community and meeting court financial obligations. Participants can develop job skills and a work ethic that assists their employment potential, helping them become productive individuals and learn a new skill set while simultaneously keeping Pierce County beautiful. Work Crew participants are referred to the Court Resource Center to navigate services as needed.

- Dominique Hardeman, Pierce County District Court Probation Manger