

HOW WILL LEAD HELP ME

LEAD offers participants an opportunity to access community resources, including: physical, mental and substance use treatment, housing, education and employment support.

Services are offered through case management and peer recovery support specialists.

Participation in LEAD is 100% voluntary!

LEAD Program

667-203-1264

**Howard County Health Department
Bureau of Behavioral Health**

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**LEAD PROGRAM
Law Enforcement
Assisted Diversion**



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ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the LEAD program you must be a resident of Howard County and be referred by law enforcement personnel.

LEAD is a pre-arrest diversion program that targets low level nonviolent offenses and addresses behavioral health needs of individuals prior to being involved in the criminal justice system.

How it works:

1. You have had an encounter with law enforcement. They provided you with a referral to LEAD instead of charging you with a crime.
2. Work with the case manager and peer specialist to complete the intake process, including an assessment and support plan.
3. Maintain contact with your support team to obtain services and meet your goals.

Call anytime to connect with your LEAD support team: 667-203-1264



GOALS OF THE PROGRAM

By addressing your behavioral health needs, the goal of this program is to support you in making changes to reduce your involvement in the criminal justice cycle.

Instead of charges and incarceration, you receive treatment and support services.

Abstinence is not a requirement of the LEAD program. We use harm reduction strategies to work with you wherever you are in life.

LEAD Partners

- Howard County Health Department
- Howard County Police Department
- Howard County Sheriff's Office
- Howard County Public Defender's Office
- Howard County State's Attorney's Office
- Howard County Detention Center
- Howard County Government



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