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Working with Justice- Involved Individuals Under the Opioid Grants

Area 16 Best Practices
May 8, 2020

About 66 percent of offenders held in state prisons and local jails have issues related to substance misuse

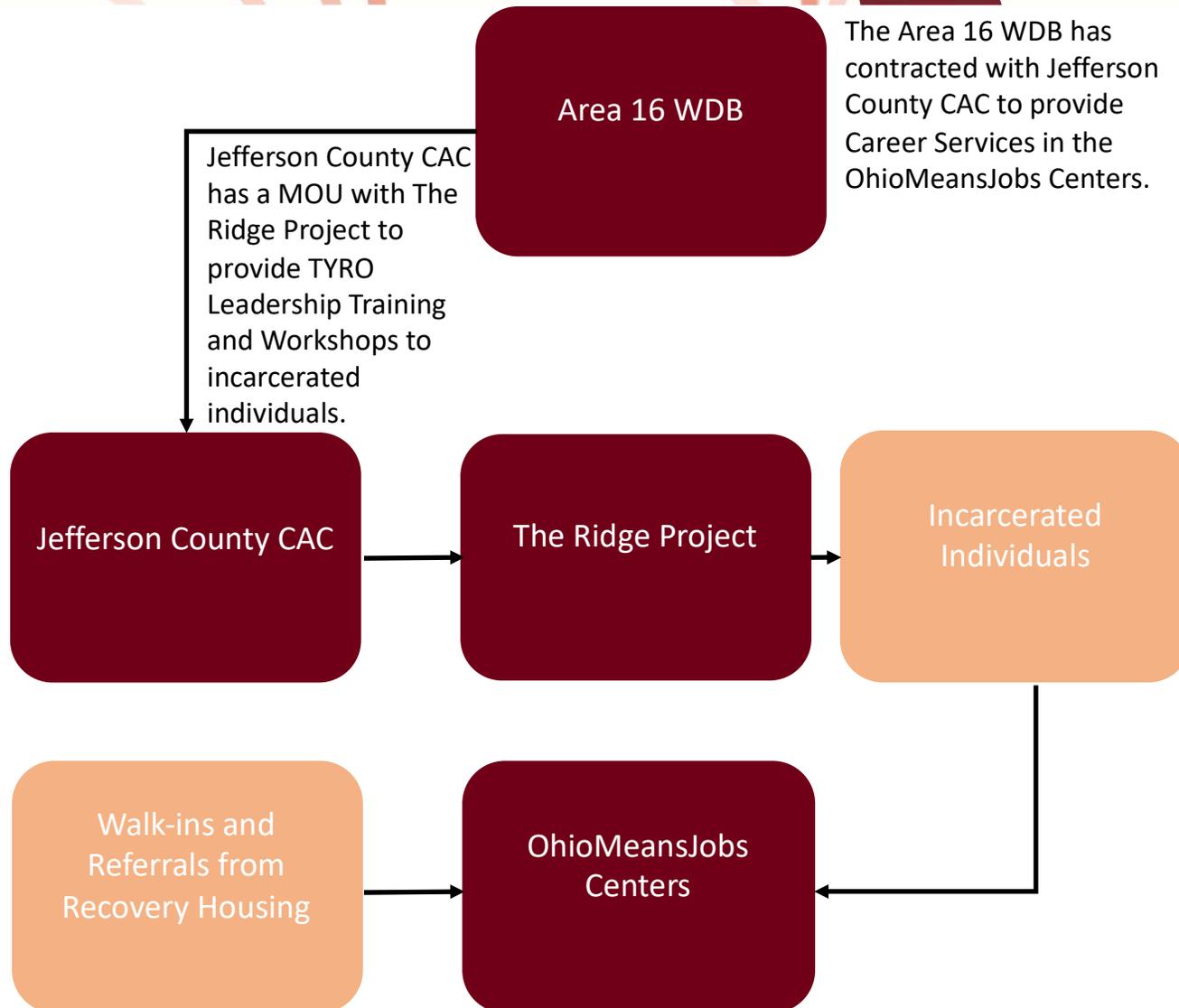
Source: *Drug Use, Dependence, and Abuse Among State Prisoners and Jail Inmates*, 2007-2009, U.S. Department of Justice, 2017

Between 24 – 36 percent of opioid-dependent adults cycle in and out of jails each year

Source: *Pharmacotherapy for Opioid Dependence in Jails and Prisons: Research Review Update and Future Directions*, Substance Abuse and Rehabilitation Journal, 2016

Unique Aspects of Area 16's Service Model

- Strong ties to the local justice system
- Robust menu of supportive services
- Effective connections to employment and training opportunities



Strong Ties to the Local Justice System

- **Early Intervention Career Services via JPAY System**

- Streamlined eligibility while incarcerated
- Assess for barriers to determine needs upon release

- **TYRO Leadership Training and Workshops**

- Resiliency and Fortitude
- Leadership
- Communication Skills
- Self-Regulation Skills
- Love and Relationships

- **Referral to OhioMeansJobs Center upon Release**

- Update assessment and create training plans
- Identify supportive service, training, employment, and other needs

*Covid-19 Update:
Because prisons and
jails are currently on
lockdown, Area 16 is
working to provide
training & workshops
via video
conferencing. They are
also working to contact
any individuals
who may have been
released early due to
the pandemic.*

Robust Menu of Supportive Services

- **Justice System**
 - \$65 cash and a release card
- **Opioid Grants, Community Services Block Grants & Charities**
 - Leased van for transportation of customers
 - Identification card and/or birth certificate
 - Clothing
 - 1st month's rent
 - Security deposit
 - Utility deposit (or payoff outstanding balance)
 - Appliances and furnishings
 - Hygiene needs
 - Moving (relocation) fees
- **Websites**
 - www.auntbertha.com
 - www.relink.org

Connections to Employment & Training

- **OhioMeansJobs**

- Enroll in opioid grant, WIOA, and/or CCMEP as applicable
- Identify and secure supportive services (see previous slide)
- Assist with Medicaid enrollment
- Refer to basic education, legal aide, and other services based on specific needs

- **Training Enrollments**

- EMT
- Nursing
- CDL
- Work experience

- **Employment**

- Job Fair - 40/60 employers indicated they were recovery-friendly
- Employers are informed that some customers may need to take time away from scheduled work hours to check-in with parole officer and/or participate in drug testing activities
- Early parole and recovery

Summary: Pro Tips

- **Target outreach efforts on specific populations.** Area 16 is concentrating heavily on incarcerated individuals.
- **Create new solutions to meet customer needs.** Area 16 developed cooperative relationships with a variety of community partners to secure a broad array of supportive services. Additionally, because they are in a rural area with limited public transportation, they have leased a van to transport customers.
- **Educate employers about what it means to be recovery-friendly.** Area 16 informs employers that new hires may need time off from work to attend parole meetings, go to support groups, and/or participate in drug testing.

The header features a decorative background of overlapping, curved lines in shades of light orange and red. On the left, the word "Ohio" is written in a bold, dark red font, with the "O" being a hollow circle. To its right, a vertical line separates it from the text "Department of Job and Family Services" in a dark grey font. Below this, the names "Mike DeWine, Governor" and "Kimberly Hall, Director" are listed in a smaller, dark grey font. On the right side of the header, the text "The Office of Workforce Development" is displayed in a dark grey font, positioned above a solid dark red vertical bar.

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Questions

What questions do you have for Area 16?

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