



# **ECHO IDAHO:** **Opioids, Pain & Substance Use Disorders**

**Idaho Law Enforcement Diversion (ILED) Program**

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# BOISE ILED

WHY WE STARTED, WHERE WE  
ARE NOW, & MOVING  
FORWARD.

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# WHY LEAD?



# THE BEGINNING FOR BOISE

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- Patients with Injuries- Opiates/Opioids being over-prescribed by doctors
- Pills socially accepted (doctor prescribes, parents have them, not a “real” drug)
- Injuries, pill parties, peer pressure
- Law enforcement/education marketing tactics- “Meth- not even once” (we missed this)
- Law Enforcement Fix- Board of Pharmacy/DEA Task Force
  - Less Pills Available resulted in price increase on street
  - Cartels started supplying heroin (cheaper/more potent along with synthetics)
  - 94% Heroin users switched from pills due to price/unavailable





Ipad Case and the many others



# INCREASED CRIME + INCREASED ENFORCEMENT = INCREASED ARREST

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- Dramatic Increase in Opiate related calls for service (Deaths, OD/EMS Assist)
- Increase in burglary reports (Commercial, Residential, Vehicle) and Robberies
- Increase in violent crime
- Started targeting street level dealers (DEA, ATF, BPD Bureau Wide)
- Increase in Search warrants
- Increase arrests
- REPEAT



expecting different results.



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## WHAT IS THE MOST COMMONLY KNOWN DEFINITION OF INSANITY?

# CONCLUSION

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**“We can’t arrest our way  
out of an opiate  
problem....”**





**LEAD**

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# Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion



# WHY WE CARE?

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- Must understand what we are dealing with (Addiction, withdrawals)
- Expensive habit- results in no job and increase in theft/criminal activity to support addiction (continues even after arrests)
- Safety, Safety, Safety!!!- robberies (pharmacy, strong arm, etc.), needle pricks, fentanyl exposure
- Related crimes (Regan St Shooting, Increase in violent crimes)
- Everyone in the room knows someone, or will know someone addicted to opiates (coworkers, kids, relatives, friends)
- Drain on resources- calls for service Police, Fire, EMS, Coroner, ER's, etc.
- Save Lives, Save Communities!!!!

# WHO QUALIFIES?

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## Candidate Criteria:

- One time only in the program
- No minors
- No Registered Sex Offenders
- Must not involve a crime of violence/no recent violent history/NCO's
- New charge must not involve trafficking weight/possession w/ intent to distribute
- No firearms during contact/related to call
- No new felonies while in program
- No significant health issues
- Can be on Probation (Misdemeanor/Felony) but no Parolees (Unless approved by Parole Officer.)
- Must sign release waivers (HIPPA, etc.)
- Ada County resident preferred (will consider alternatives on a case-by-case basis)
- Must want the help and be open and honest about drug usage/current criminal activity
- Can NOT be in a state of medical detox
- Can NOT be involved in a law enforcement CI (Confidential Informant) program



# HOW DO WE FIND THEM?

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- Welfare checks
- Shoplifters
- Search warrants

# THE PROCESS

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**Officers contact Officer Evans, who will;**

- **Respond out**
- **Work through LEAD criteria with potential candidate**
- **Review use history**
- **Upon meeting criteria, transport them to treatment provider**



# THE PROCESS

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- **Meet w/ LEAD Team**
- **Assign recovery coach and classes**
- **Review history and expectations**
- **Set up dosing if needed**
- **Set up UAs**
- **Review living situation, transportation, etc.**
- **Following treatment intake, LEAD Team continues to monitor candidate status.**

# REPORTS

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- **Officer completes a report, route to Evans**
- **Upon successful completion of treatment (1-year successful treatment), report routed to file**
- **Failure to complete program results in report being routed for warrant**

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# To date

54 candidates

14 graduates

36 failed/discharged

4 currently in program

# THANK YOU

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## Discussion/Questions?





# CONTACT INFO

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