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The Honorable Clint P. Moses, Chair  
Assembly Committee on Health, Aging and  
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Dear Senators and Representatives:

The Department of Health Services is pleased to submit the Opioid and Methamphetamine Treatment Programs Progress Report to the Legislature pursuant to 2013 Wisconsin Act 195, Wis. Stat. § 51.422 (3). This report highlights opioid programs administered by the Department's Division of Care and Treatment Services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kirsten L. Johnson".

Kirsten L. Johnson  
Secretary-designee

Enclosure

## Opioid and Methamphetamine Treatment Centers: 2023 Report to the Legislature

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The Opioid and Methamphetamine Treatment Centers (OMTCs) project funds five programs to address the opioid epidemic, including establishing new services, expanding access to medication-assisted treatment and overdose prevention, harm reduction strategies, provider training initiatives, and implementation of best practice models and multi-disciplinary community collaborations. While these programs have bridged significant gaps in improving access to care and developing an infrastructure related to the opioid crisis, significant work remains.

The goal of treatment provided by the OMTCs is to reduce the health and social consequences, and to improve the well-being and social functioning of people affected by opioid and methamphetamine use disorders. This includes reducing use and dependence on opioids and stimulants, reducing morbidity and mortality associated with substance use, improving physical/psychological/and social health, reducing neonatal abstinence syndrome, reducing criminal behavior, facilitating reintegration into the workforce and education systems, and reducing the traumatic burden of substance use on families and communities.

The populations of focus include individuals living in high need and underserved areas, pregnant women who misuse stimulants (including cocaine, methamphetamine, and prescription stimulants) or opioids, and individuals diagnosed with an opioid or methamphetamine use disorder. The overarching goal of the project is to reduce the number of deaths associated with opioid and methamphetamine use. A major objective is to increase access to the most effective treatments for opioid and methamphetamine use disorders, including increased admissions to medication-assisted treatment.

Three opioid and methamphetamine treatment centers were established under 2013 Wisconsin Act 195:

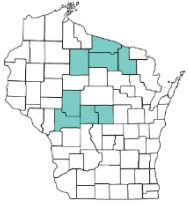
- HSHS St. Vincent's Hospital and Libertas Treatment Center (d.b.a. Northeast Wisconsin Heroin Opioid Prevention Education)
- Family Health Center of Marshfield, Inc. (d.b.a. HOPE Consortium)
- NorthLakes Community Clinic

Two additional opioid and methamphetamine treatment centers were established under 2017 Wisconsin Act 27:

- FHC-Ladysmith Alcohol and Drug Recovery Center
- Lake Superior Community Health Center

A total of 597 people were served by the opioid and methamphetamine treatment centers in calendar year 2022 through in-person and telehealth services.

State funding in the amount of \$2,682,667 was available for the period January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022. The programs created under 2013 Wisconsin Act 195 each received \$672,000. The Family Health Center of Marshfield, Inc., operators of FHC-Ladysmith Alcohol and Drug Recovery Center, and NorthLakes Community Clinic, which partnered with the Lake Superior Community Health Center, received \$333,333 and \$333,002, respectively, under 2017 Wisconsin Act 27.



### HOPE Consortium

- **Counties:** Clark, Forest, Iron, Jackson, Portage, Price, Oneida, Vilas, and Wood
- **Tribes:** Forest County Potawatomi Community, Ho-Chunk Tribal Nation, Lac du Flambeau of Lake, Superior Chippewa, Sokaogon Chippewa Community

To learn more about the services offered by this provider, call 844-288-8324.

	Year							
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number of people served	20	131	214	357	249	187	167	163
Discharges due to overdose death	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of pregnant women served	0	7	24	30	27	14	5	3*

This program used the WHOQOL-BREF to measure quality of life improvement.

\*Since 2020, fewer pregnant persons have been enrolled into the HOPE Consortium program due to increased availability of other comprehensive services for pregnant people in the service area. The HOPE Consortium enables and serves as the foundation for these additional services (e.g., Integrated Recovery Support Services Medicaid Benefit, HRSA Rural Communities Opioid Response Program, Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome project). In 2022, 29 pregnant and postpartum persons received services at FHC Alcohol & Drug Recovery Centers in Minocqua and Marshfield.



**FHC Ladysmith Alcohol and Drug Recovery Center**

- **Counties:** Barron, Polk, and Rusk
- **Tribes:** None

To learn more about the services offered by this provider, call 715-532-2373.

	Year			
	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number of people served	56	26	35	28
Discharges due to overdose death	0	0	0	0
Number of pregnant women served	2	1	3	1
This program used the Treatment Effectiveness Assessment (TEA) to measure quality of life improvement.				



**Lake Superior Community Health Center**

- **County:** Douglas
- **Tribes:** None

To learn more about the services offered by this provider, call 715-395-5380.

	Year			
	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number of people served	233	118	84	99
Discharges due to overdose death	0	1	1	2
Number of pregnant women served	4	1	6	7
This program used the Treatment Effectiveness Assessment (TEA) to measure quality of life improvement.				

## Northeast Wisconsin Heroin Opioid Prevention Education



- **Counties:** Florence, Manitowoc, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, and Shawano
- **Tribes:** Menominee Nation

To learn more about the services offered by this provider, call 715-735-0095.

	Year							
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number of people served	25	99	118	98	95	119	103	114
Discharges due to overdose death	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Number of pregnant women served	0	7	7	5	3	3	1	1

This program used the WHOQOL-BREF to measure quality of life improvement.

## NorthLakes Community Clinic



- **Counties:** Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Iron, Langlade and Polk (in addition, Douglas, Florence, Forest, Marinette, Menomonee, Oconto, Price, Sawyer, and Washburn)
- **Tribes:** Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, and St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin

To learn more about the services offered by this provider, call 715-532-2373.

	Year							
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number of people served	20	47	143	240	306	345	254	193
Discharges due to overdose death	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
Number of pregnant women served	0	7	8	18	15	11	5	6

This program used the WHOQOL-BREF to measure quality of life improvement.

**Profile of People Served in 2022**

	<b>HOPE Consortium</b>	<b>FHC-Ladysmith Alcohol and Drug Recovery Center</b>	<b>Lake Superior Community Health Center</b>	<b>Northeast Wisconsin Heroin Opioid Prevention Education</b>	<b>NorthLakes Community Clinic</b>
Number of people served in 2022	<b>163</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>193</b>
<b>Referral source</b>					
Self, family, friend	<b>62</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>94</b>
Substance use agency	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>
Mental health agency	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Corrections	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>22</b>
Other criminal justice	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>
County or tribal agency	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>
Health care agency	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>
Drug court	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>
Employer	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Other	<b>85</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Gender</b>					
Female	<b>94</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>111</b>
Male	<b>69</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>Age</b>					
Under 18	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>
18-29	<b>26</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>37</b>
30-45	<b>102</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>111</b>
46-59	<b>22</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>32</b>

60 and Over	13	2	4	2	12
<b>Race/ethnicity*</b>					
Caucasian	107	25	92	104	125
African American	0	0	2	0	1
American Indian	50	1	5	2	56
Asian	0	0	0	1	0
Hispanic	4	0	0	7	5
Unknown	6	2	0	0	6
<b>Education level</b>					
Less than high school	17	2	15	25	31
High school	66	18	36	57	76
Beyond high school	61	8	39	32	60
Unknown	19	0	9	0	26

	<b>HOPE Consortium</b>	<b>FHC-Ladysmith Alcohol and Drug Recovery Center</b>	<b>Lake Superior Community Health Center</b>	<b>Northeast Wisconsin Heroin Opioid Prevention Education</b>	<b>NorthLakes Community Clinic</b>
<b>Drug of use**</b>					
Heroin	19	3	10	31	45
Other Opioids	139	14	28	23	76
Methamphetamine	42	12	61	42	72
Cocaine	16	0	0	2	0
Marijuana	40	6	0	7	0
Hallucinogens	0	0	0	0	0
Alcohol	43	9	0	9	0
Benzodiazepines	3	1	0	0	0
<b>Payer ***</b>					
Uninsured	5	0	1	0	6
Medicaid	131	26	98	79	154

Medicare	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>
Private insurance	<b>22</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>25</b>
VA	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Unknown	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Employed</b>					
	<b>86</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>79</b>

\*A person may identify with more than one race.

\*\*A person may have more than one drug of use.

\*\*\*Patients may have had more than one insurance type.