What is LEAD?

1) A multi-agency case management approach
2) Pre-arrest diversion program

Not all cases are the same. Arrest isn’t always the answer. Let us help you.

When you’re ready to take the LEAD on your addiction, we’re here to help.

A free treatment option
Pre-Arrest Diversion

If you are found with small amounts of illegal narcotics and meet the qualifications, you can enter LEAD.

Disqualifiers:

To be eligible for LEAD, participants must:

- Be at least 18 years old with a personal use of narcotics.
- Not possess more than 50 dosage units of opioids.
- Not be involved in the distribution of drugs.
- Not be exploiting minors.
- Not be suspected of promoting prostitution or sex work.
- Not have a history of violent crime in the last 10 years.
- Not on parole/probation.
- Not be charged with assault on a female, assault on an officer or assault with a deadly weapon in the last five years.

*Contact WPD for amount limitations

Who can enter LEAD?

1. Social Referral: Individuals who are seeking treatment for narcotics addiction.
2. Criminal Referral: Individuals who have committed a minor criminal offense and have been identified as an abuser of controlled substances*

*See disqualifiers

Our Partners

- The City of Wilmington Police Department
- Fifth Prosecutorial District, New Hanover & Pender Counties
- The North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition
- Coastal Horizons Behavioral Healthcare
- Coastal Horizons—Treatment Accountability for Safer Communities
- Wilmington Treatment Center
- RHA Health Services

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