

# LEAD Program



## Of Our 54 Active Clients:

- 31 Are Housed**
- 9 Are Employed**
- 15 Have over 1 month clean**
- 11 Have 1 year clean**
- 2 Have 2 years clean**
- 3 Have 3 years or more clean**

## *November 1st, 2023*

One of the most important aspects of LEAD is building relationships with community members and service provider partners throughout Marion County. By building these bridges and having honest conversations about how we as a community can best help those that we collectively serve, everyone benefits. Over the course of the past few months LEAD has had the privilege to be invited to a plethora of community events that have given us the opportunity to speak about the LEAD program and the work we do.

Faith and Blue Event, hosted by Tabernacle Church



From teaching at the Sheriff's Office Community Academy, speaking at the Santiam Service Integration Team Conference, or meeting with community members from across the county at the Faith and Blue event, our LEAD team was able to talk with folks from all walks of life to converse and come together in new and exciting ways and expand upon existing relationships.

In addition to our community outreach events, we are proud to say that LEAD has concluded interviews for our newest Navigator position and is looking forward to onboarding a new member of the team in the next few months. This will expand our total client capacity to 80 active clients. This is vital as we move towards the winter months and expect to have an increased number of active clients due to the inclement weather who will require shelter. We look forward to introducing you all to the newest navigator in our next Newsletter.

As always, our team remains committed to serving our community. If you know an individual who may qualify for LEAD program services and needs our assistance, please feel free to email Josh Wolf, the LEAD Program coordinator, for further information and guidance.



Sheriff Nick Hunter and LEAD Program Coordinator Josh Wolf speak about the program at the Faith and Blue event

## Client Success Stories

### John

John first came to the LEAD program in May of 2021 as an arrest referral from Deputy Hagan with the Marion County Sheriff's Office. At that time, John suffered greatly from his substance use disorder and had overdosed numerous times on fentanyl. John also had numerous pending criminal charges related to possession and delivery of narcotics and was facing years of prison time.

Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Hank Crapser, John's Navigator, received the clients permission to meet with both John and his family to inform them of the steps that John needed to take to save his life and possibly avoid prison in the process. Having reached the lowest point in his life and was looking for a change, John agreed to listen to Hank's suggestions. He and Hank devised his recovery plan and John agreed to work with Hank at every step of the way.

John started his recovery journey with an in-patient detox followed by Medication Assisted Treatment. Then, Hank assisted John into an outpatient program as well as organized Alcohol and Drug classes for him to attend. Notably, Hank also connected John with a therapist to address the root causes of his substance use, including his anxiety and depression.

Within a few months, John moved into a sober living home that LEAD assisted him in paying for during the first months of his stay. This was quickly followed by Hank assisting him in finding employment and helping him find the necessary work clothes to begin his new career to help John get on his feet.

All the while, Hank went with John to numerous court appearances during this time and advocated for John during this time by telling the court the steps he had taken towards recovery and his new life. Ultimately the court agreed that John deserved another chance, but made it clear that any violations would result in prison time.

Since then, John has been clean for two years and is still doing amazing in his life and his recovery. He and Hank still have frequent contact and still do one on one counselling and mentoring. John's family has said that without the LEAD program and Hank, he would not be here today. John's story is just one of the many demonstrating how Hank and our other LEAD program Navigators are not just changing lives, but saving them.



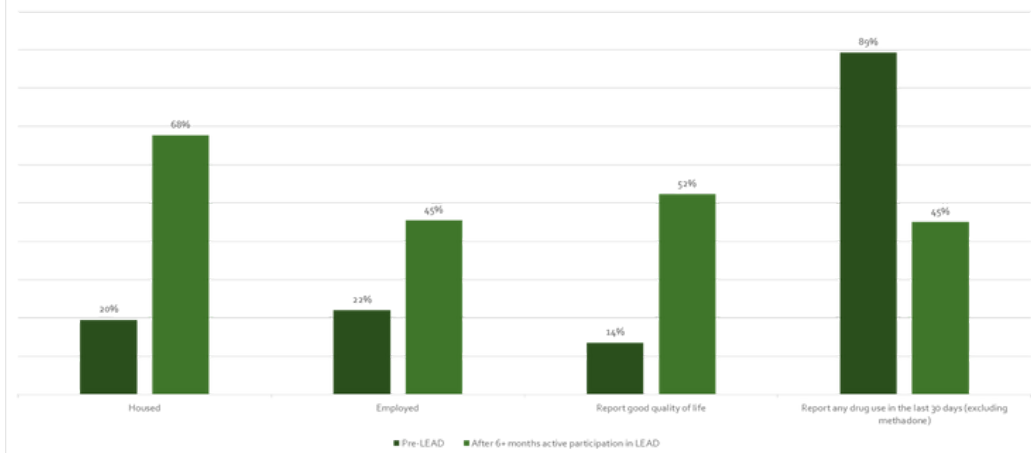
Hank, Helen, Sheriff Nick Hunter, District Attorney Paige Clarkson and Be Bold Street Ministries Matt Maceira at the MCRI Breakfast



LEAD Team speaks at the Community Academy

## Performance Measures: Averages

Number of Participants Completing Follow-up Assessments = 80



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