

ALBANY LEAD STAKEHOLDERS & ROLES



Albany LEAD MOU Partners and Roles	
City of Albany, Office of the Mayor	Committed to providing staff towards implementation, execution, and sustainability of LEAD. Appointed qualified senior staff member to PCG. Directed police department to make LEAD a priority and is committed to addressing racial and ethnic disparities.
Albany Police Department	Committed to participate in LEAD on operational and policy level. Trained all sworn officers on the LEAD initiative and the principles of harm reduction. Have dedicated staff to the PCG and OPW.
Albany County Executive's Office	Committed to participate in the LEAD initiative and has dedicated senior staff to the PCG and OPW. Executive level staff from the County Departments of Health, Mental Health, the Office of the Public Defender, and the Probation Department play key roles at the PCG and OPW. The Departments of Health and Mental Health provide support at the PCG and OPW and consultation and technical assistance in connecting LEAD clients to appropriate services. The Public Defender's Office provides support at the PCG and OPW to ensure that LEAD clients receive legal services. The Probation Department provides support at the OPW for any LEAD client that is on supervision.
Albany County District Attorney's Office	Committed to participate in the LEAD initiative and assign an Assistant District Attorney, or other prosecuting attorney, to the PCG and OPW.
Albany County Sheriff's Department	Committed to participate in the LEAD initiative and assign senior level staff to the OPW and PCG. ACSD will eventually become an active agency diverting arrests and making referrals.
Central District Management Association	Assigns staff who attend and actively engage in policy and outreach meetings representing the business and property owners in the BID area. Acts in an advisory and advocacy capacity for the LEAD partners.
The Center for Law and Justice	Committed to supervising the LEAD Community Outreach Coordinator and assisting with community organizing and outreach efforts. Assists in communicating the LEAD process in other jurisdictions.
The Katal Center for Health, Equity, and Justice	Participates in an advisory capacity and assists the PCG with advocacy, fundraising, document drafting, stakeholder consultation, troubleshooting, and technical assistance. Will provide support for the Project Manager. <i>*The original entity serving as project manager was the Drug Policy Alliance. In 2016, Katal took over as project manager, via its role as a LEAD technical service provider.</i>

MOU Addendum for Service Providers	
Catholic Charities Care Coordination Services	Will assist in the development and implementation of LEAD. Will provide technical assistance as an expert in direct case management/case coordination and harm reduction services. <i>*Since MOU was signed and executed CCS is now the case management provider for LEAD through a contract with Albany Medical Center.</i>
St. Catherine's Center for Children	Will assist in the development and implementation of LEAD. Will provide technical assistance as an expert in direct case management/case coordination and harm reduction services.
The Addictions Care Center of Albany	Will assist in the development and implementation of LEAD. Will serve as an expert technical advisor in Substance Use Disorder prevention and community education.

Other Attendees	
Finn Institute	Contracted to conduct process evaluation through NYS DCJS.
Catholic Charities Drug User Health Hub	Provide 24-hour outreach, engagement, and harm reduction services to LEAD referrals and non-LEAD clients. This increases the capacity for services and builds a foundation for social contact referrals.
Governor's Office of Public Safety	Interest in replication statewide and potential for state resources for Albany LEAD.
NYS CORE Initiative	Interest in cross system design and connection with CORE initiative in Albany and Newburgh.
New Horizons Christian Church	Community input and outreach. Part of the Community Leadership Team.
ROOTS	Community input and outreach. Part of the Community Leadership Team.

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