

ORG Salt Lake County Stats Since ORG Began

Note: These statistics were shared with ACLU of Utah on the afternoon of October 18, 2018 by Noella Sudbury, Senior Policy Advisory on Criminal Justice at Salt Lake County.

Increased Health Care

- Targeted Adult Medicaid Extension (TAM) passed November 1, which has provided new health care coverage to chronically homeless and justice involved individuals. We never would have gotten this through the federal government without Operation Rio Grande and the lobbying efforts of State officials.
- As of last month, 3,606 people have been enrolled and now have health care. 2,286 of those are in Salt Lake County.

Treatment Expansion

- Since ORG began, we have added 243 residential treatment beds, which has more than doubled the size of our residential public treatment system.
- In the first year of ORG (data as of Aug 1), 784 unique individuals accessed behavioral health treatment services with a Salt Lake County treatment provider (this number does not reflect the additional individuals who have obtained treatment from other TAM providers that do not contract with Salt Lake County, i.e., the Haven).

New Drug Court Program started September 2017

- As a result of Operation Rio Grande, Salt Lake County stepped up to fund a new drug court program. Currently, that structured treatment program is providing much needed behavioral health treatment and case management services to 144 people.
- Treatment retention fluctuates, but right now is close to 70%. With the support of the jail, we have been able to decrease assessment and treatment wait times, getting people help sooner, in some cases, days after arrest.
- First graduation was October 15, 2018

High Utilizer Pilot Program

- New State/County partnership focused on 20 individuals with over 500 low level misdemeanor bookings over the past 10 years.
- Social worker visits individuals in jail or engages with them in the community to assess and place in treatment. The goal is to stop the constant churning of these individuals and get them into stability and out of the criminal justice system, if possible. This program started in September and is the direction we hope to move to reduce arrests and increase opportunities for low level misdemeanor offenders.

Sober Living Pilot Program

- Sober Living Pilot program started in January; over 200 clients housed to date, with an 80% success rate (positive transitions to independent living, or still housed, sober, and working on recovery)

Expungement Services

- April 5 expungement day involved 40 volunteer attorneys to help individuals clear criminal records
- October 12 expungement day services through Project Homeless Connect
- \$20,000 in private fees; just received \$250,000 in grant funding to provide ongoing services

Road to Recovery

- Shuttles pick up/drop off individuals in recovery to jobs off public transit that offer a livable wage, allowing individuals to save up to cover the cost of their housing and make it more likely they will transition into independence (launched this summer).