



# OVERVIEW BOOKLET



Substance abuse is cannibalizing our state and I am deeply committed to do whatever it takes to fix our state's drug crisis. The problem strikes at the health of not only the individual drug users, but at the safety of our communities, the quality of our workforce and the bonds of family. Too many West Virginia children are in foster care, or the care of their grandparents, because their mothers and fathers are in prisons or are prisoners of addiction.

We are making progress but more must be done. It's going to take a major financial commitment to do this and now that we have a healthier budget and revenue surplus we're in a great position to take a full swing at fixing our state's problem with substance abuse.

That's why I've come up with Jobs & Hope WV.

Jobs & Hope WV is a beginning-to-end program that allows an individual to receive free addiction treatment while at the same time receiving free career technical education. All West Virginians are welcome to receive free additional training and certification whether you have a drug issue or not.

When they complete the program and receive their certifications, they will have the immediate opportunity to expunge misdemeanor offenses that can be such a huge burden to finding a job.

With a dedicated transition agent, they will have all the tools they need to find a job. One program to lift our most vulnerable West Virginians from the depths of addiction to treatment, education, forgiveness and a job.

Jim Justice,

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Governor of West Virginia



**Program Begins**

Participant determined to be ready for career training.



**Transition Agent Assigned to Participant**

Transition agent assigned to conduct needs assessment and build personalized plan for each participant outlining education and career opportunities.



**Job Readiness & Basic Life Skills Training and/or High School Equivalency**

If applicable, participant completes a 30-day job readiness and basic life skills training resulting in basic certifications such as food handlers card, safety/customer service and entry level hospitality. Transition agent will also assist any participant wishing to earn their High School Equivalency.



**Driver's License Reinstatement (if applicable)**

Transition agent conducts assessment for potential driver's license reinstatement.



# WORKFORCE & ONGOING SUPPORT



## Transition Agent facilitates future career opportunities and ongoing support

### Short-term Training (30-90 days)

Trainings and career certifications at local adult and career training centers, Community & Technical Colleges, or through programs offered by the West Virginia National Guard and Department of Transportation.

OR

### Long-term Training (1-2 years)

Trainings and career certifications through Advanced Career Education (ACE) programs and Community & Technical Colleges.

### Job Placement/ Enter Workforce

### Expungement (if applicable)

\*Training can be customized to meet regional economic needs. Certification eligibility may be prohibited in certain areas for any participant in medication-assisted treatment or convicted of certain felonies.

- Participant receives a one-time expungement for non-violent misdemeanor offenses.
- Participant signs a contract as a condition of expungement and agrees to regular/random drug testing.



DIVISION OF REHABILITATION SERVICES



# Process

TREATMENT  
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TRAINING  
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WORKFORCE & ONGOING SUPPORT

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Individual receiving treatment for substance use disorder is determined to be ready for career training.



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Transition agent, hired by the West Virginia Department of Education, is assigned to each participant to conduct a needs assessment and build a personalized plan for each participant outlining education and career opportunities. Transition agent also conducts assessments for potential support services needed such as driver's license reinstatement.



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If applicable, participant completes a 30-day job readiness and basic life skills training resulting in basic certifications such as food handlers card, safety/customer service and entry level hospitality. Transition agent will also assist participant wishing to earn their High School Equivalency. Participant may enter workforce if desired (e.g., food service, retail, hospitality, etc.).



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Participant may pursue advanced career certifications at local adult and career training centers, Community & Technical Colleges, or through programs offered by the West Virginia National Guard and Department of Transportation. Examples include customer service, hospitality, construction, etc.



Transition agent will facilitate training for any interested West Virginian seeking education or employment.

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WorkForce West Virginia and Division of Rehabilitation Services will collaborate to assist participant with job identification and placement.



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If applicable, participant receives a one-time expungement for non-violent misdemeanor offenses and sign a contract as a condition of expungement to agree to regular/random drug testing.

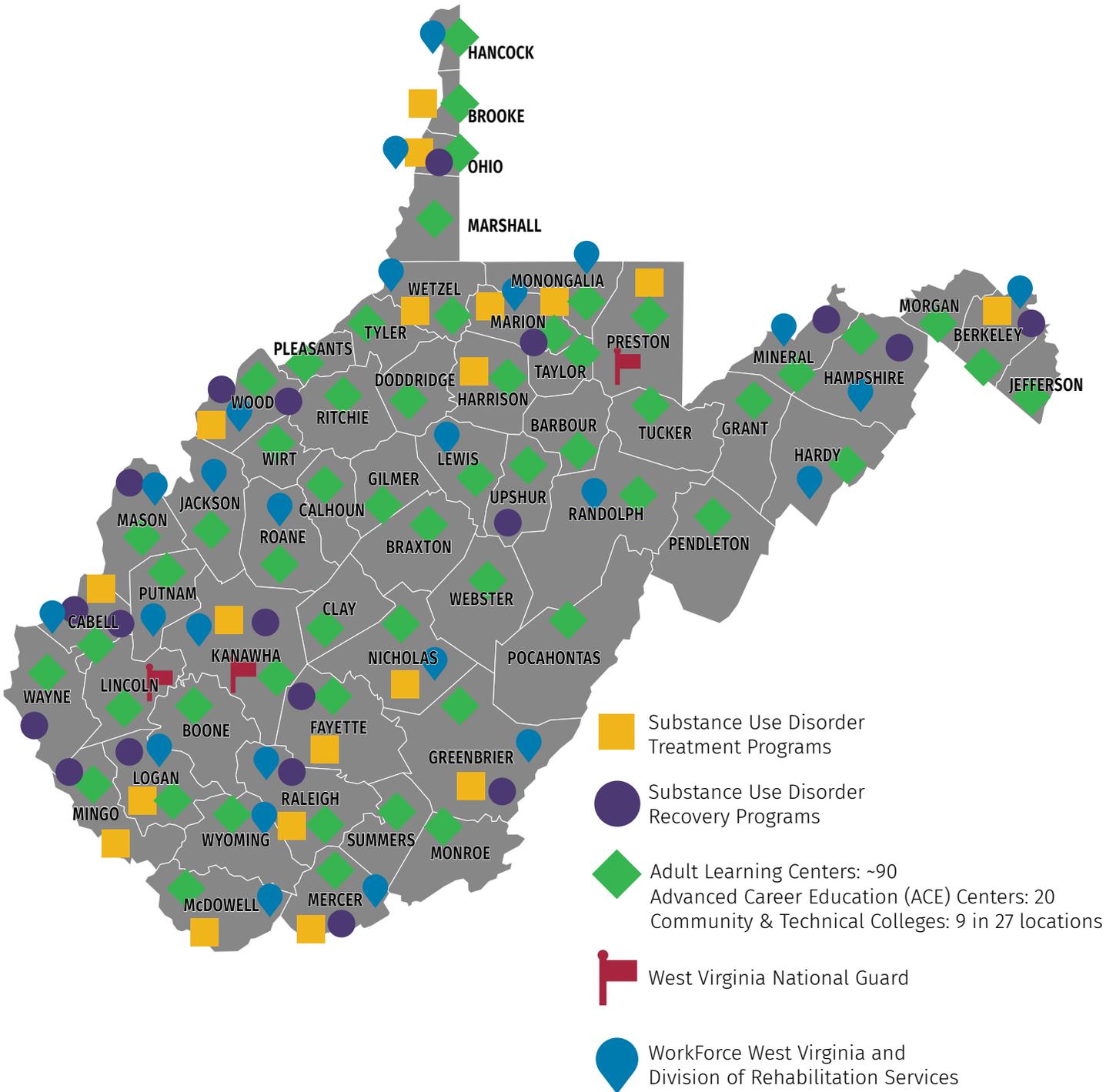


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Participant enters the workforce and receives ongoing support from transition agent and/or the West Virginia Department of Health & Human Resources to ensure success.



# Partner Locations



\*Transition Agents will be located in WorkForce offices and Community & Technical Colleges throughout the state.

# Agency Partners

