

# LEAD'S Approach

*Let Everyone Advance with Dignity/  
Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion*

Centered at the intersection of public health, public safety and racial justice, LEAD builds a non-punitive, community-based system of response to better address problematic or unlawful behavior that stems from unmanaged substance use, mental health challenges, or extreme poverty.

## Referral Pathways



### ARREST DIVERSION

Law enforcement officers can divert people to LEAD rather than arrest them when an alleged crime occurs.



### SOCIAL CONTACT

Police and others in the legal system can refer individuals with criminogenic histories to LEAD without the occurrence of an alleged crime.



### COMMUNITY REFERRAL

Community members can directly refer eligible people to LEAD without involving law enforcement officers or systems.

## Who We Serve



LEAD is explicitly designed to provide a new pathway to long-term, community-based care for people who commit, or are at high risk of committing, law violations related to their behavioral health challenges and/or income instability.



LEAD provides long-term, client-directed, non-coercive, street-based case-management based on harm-reduction principles.