

# Program Overview

Jobs & Hope West Virginia is the state's comprehensive response to the Substance Use Disorder Crisis. Established by Governor Jim Justice and the West Virginia Legislature, this program offers support through a statewide collaboration of agencies that provides linked services to participants. State leaders recognized that turning the tide at this critical time requires the entire state to work together to positively impact these issues and drive real change in the Mountain State.

## VISION

At the heart of Jobs & Hope is a vision of providing West Virginians in recovery the opportunity to overcome obstacles that prevent establishing career success, and strong family and community ties. This will allow participants to live up to their aspirations while accomplishing the primary goal of putting West Virginians back to work.

## PROGRAM INCENTIVES

Program incentives include (but are not limited to):

- Access to a wide span of treatment and recovery providers
- Pursuit of education, certification and training
- Transportation and childcare assistance
- Assistance with Department of Motor Vehicle reinstatement process
- Assistance with expungement process

## EMPLOYER INCENTIVES

- **Work Opportunity Tax Credits** - a benefit of up to \$2,400 for qualifying employers
- **Paid work experience** - Workforce West Virginia provides 100% wage reimbursement for up to six months
- **Free drug testing** - Jobs & Hope participants are regularly drug tested at no cost to the employer
- **Turnover reduction** - Hiring from this applicant pool often leads to a 12% reduction in turnovers

## PROGRAM SUPPORT

Jobs & Hope has placed 17 transition agents throughout the state. These individuals have a broad range of expertise and knowledge of peer recovery and services offered by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, as well as workforce, career technical and higher education resources.

**REGION 1** - Webster, Pocahontas, Nicholas, Fayette, Greenbrier, Raleigh, Summers, Monroe, Wyoming, McDowell, Mercer  
*Transition Agents: Cassidy Hart, Larry East, Charlotte Crowe*

**REGION 2** - Cabell, Lincoln, Wayne, Boone, Mingo, Logan  
*Transition Agents: Melanie Danielson, Michael Robinette, Sherry Lord*

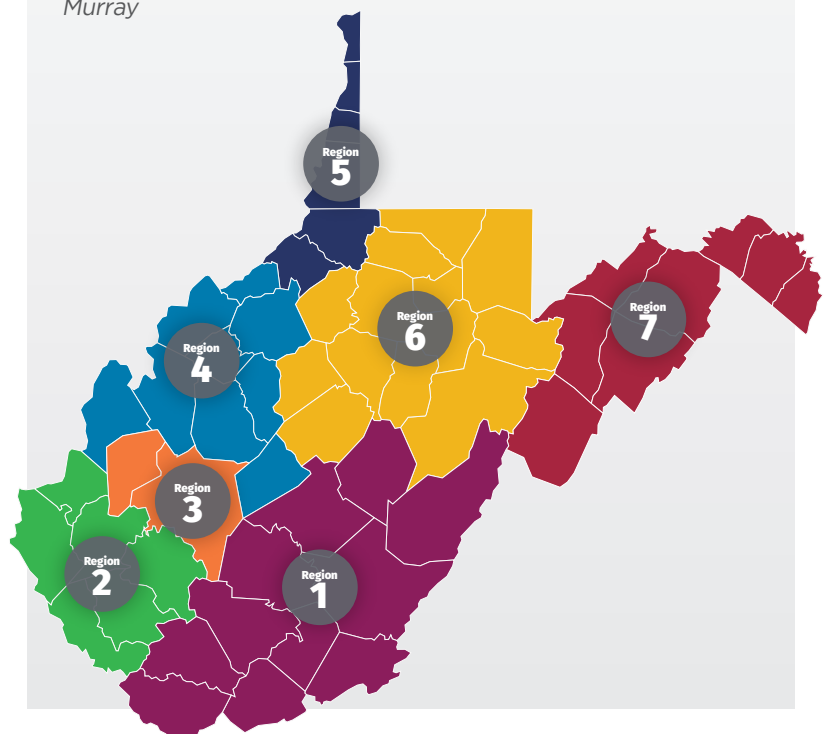
**REGION 3** - Kanawha, Putnam | *Transition Agents: Anna Holley, Tiffany Tyson, Kevin Jackson*

**REGION 4** - Pleasants, Wood, Ritchie, Wirt, Jackson, Roane, Calhoun, Mason, Clay | *Transition Agents: Melissa Morrison, Dominique Kirl*

**REGION 5** - Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Marshall, Wetzel, Tyler  
*Transition Agent: Kelly Pizzoferrato*

**REGION 6** - Doddridge, Harrison, Marion, Monongalia, Preston, Taylor, Barbour, Braxton, Gilmer, Lewis, Randolph, Tucker, Upshur  
*Transition Agents: Lisa Reed, Shannon Carnes, Marc Jackson*

**REGION 7** - Berkley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral, Morgan, Pendleton | *Transition Agents: Erin Gaertner, Samantha Murray*



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## BUDGET



**\$13.7M Supplemental**

*one-time funding for startup and training expansion (FY 2019)*



**\$9M Annual Funding**

*West Virginia Department of Health & Human Resources (FY 2020)*

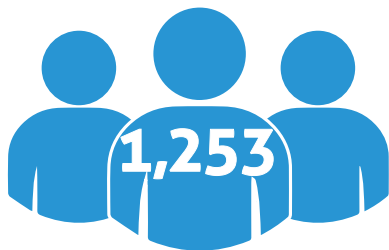


**\$6M Annual Funding**

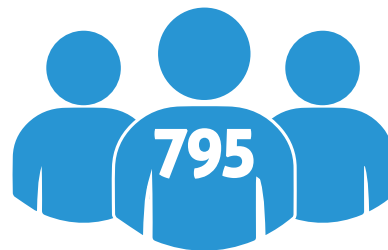
*West Virginia Department of Education (FY 2020)*

## Success to Date

Jobs & Hope has been overwhelmingly successful since its launch in August 2019. Below are successes as of January 2020:



**Referrals**



**Program Participants**

Employed Participants	Unemployed Participants	Underemployed*	Referred to DMV	DMV Stays Granted/License Reinstated**	Enrolled in Training/Education
349	446	189	74	32	100

### Most commonly addressed barriers:

Transportation, no driver's license, criminal background, lack of education/training, low income, student loan debt, food, clothing, dental, vision, fines/court costs

### Most common resolved barriers:

Housing, school, employment/training, food, clothing, vision, driver's license, resume

### Most common means of referral:

Website/Hotline, WV Parole, Probation, Sober Living Homes, Recovery Centers, Drug Court, Workforce, DMV, Self-Referrals

### Most common reasons for being referred, but not becoming a participant:

No call no show, loss of interest, no response, unable to reach

\*Underemployed is defined as working but not in career employment

\*\*Allows participants to receive a driver's license in a restricted status while paying the remainder of fees and fines