



State of Wisconsin  
Department of Health Services

Tony Evers, Governor  
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The Honorable Alberta Darling  
Joint Committee on Finance, Senate Co-Chair  
317 East State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53707

The Honorable John Nygren  
Joint Committee on Finance, Assembly Co-Chair  
309 East State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Senator Darling and Representative Nygren:

The Department of Health Services is pleased to submit the Opioid Treatment Programs Progress Report to the Legislature pursuant to 2013 Wisconsin Act 195, Wis. Stat. § 51.422(3). This report highlights opioid programs administered by the Division of Care and Treatment Services.

Sincerely,

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Andrea Palm  
Secretary - designee

Enclosure



## Opioid and Methamphetamine Treatment Centers: 2019 Report to the Legislature

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This report covers the calendar year 2018 activities of the regional opioid and methamphetamine treatment programs created under Wis. Stat. § 51.422.

A total of 876 individuals were served in 2018.

Services offered include:

- Assessment for treatment
- Abstinence-based treatment
- Medication-assisted treatment (MAT), utilizing buprenorphine and naltrexone
- Licensed, 24-hour residential care
- Outpatient counseling
- Handoffs to county-authorized or private continuing care

Medication-assisted treatment utilizing methadone was not provided.

Calendar year 2018 marked the fourth year of operation for the opioid treatment programs created under 2013 Wisconsin Act 195 and the first full year that these programs provided methamphetamine treatment services under 2017 Wisconsin Act 27. The centers are:

- HSHS St. Vincent's Hospital Libertas of Marinette (d.b.a. Northeast Wisconsin Opioid Treatment Services)
- Family Health Center of Marshfield, Inc. (d.b.a. HOPE Consortium)
- NorthLakes Community Clinic

Additionally, 2018 marked the first year of operation for two new opioid and methamphetamine treatment centers created under 2017 Wisconsin Act 27. Grants for these centers were awarded to Family Health Center of Marshfield, Inc., and NorthLakes Community Clinic following a competitive application process. Family Health Center (FHC) of Marshfield, Inc., established the FHC-Ladysmith Alcohol and Drug Recovery Center to serve Barron, Polk, and Rusk counties. NorthLakes Community Clinic partnered with Lake Superior Community Health Center to establish a recovery program to serve the city of Superior and Douglas County.

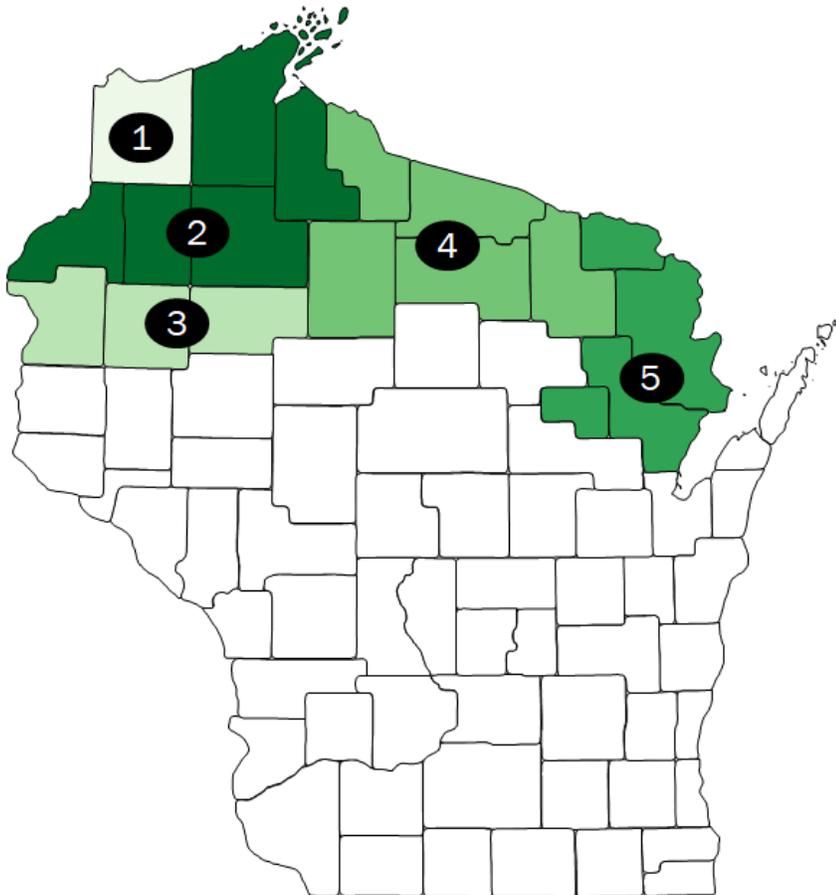
In 2018, total grant funding in the amount of \$2,262,667 was available for the period January 1 through December 31, 2018. The programs created under 2013 Wisconsin Act 195 each received \$672,000. The Family Health Center of Marshfield, Inc., and NorthLakes Community Clinic received \$333,333 and \$333,334, respectively, under 2017 Wisconsin Act 27.

This report provides summaries of key measures for each program related to the four goals of this initiative.

- **Goal 1:** To provide regional approved and effective stabilization and residential detoxification services and treatment and support services for individuals addicted to opioids or methamphetamines in rural, high-need areas of Wisconsin. The measurement for this goal is the number of people served.
- **Goal 2:** To increase retention in opioid and methamphetamine treatment services, improve quality of life, and reduce relapse or return to using illicit drugs. Tools used to measure overall life satisfaction are used as a measurement of this goal.

- **Goal 3:** To reduce the number of deaths associated with opioid use in the areas served by the programs. The measurement for this goal is the number of discharges from the program related to death by overdose.
- **Goal 4:** To reach out to untreated opioid-addicted women of childbearing age, offer priority admission to services for pregnant women, and reduce the number of infants who are affected by opioids. The measurement for this goal is the number of pregnant women served.

## Program Service Areas



### 1. Lake Superior Community Health Center

To learn more about the services in this region, call 715-395-5380 or visit [lschc.org/patient-services/behavioral-health/](https://lschc.org/patient-services/behavioral-health/)

### 2. NorthLakes Community Clinic

To learn more about the services in this region, call 888-834-4551 or visit: [northlakesclinic.org/behavioral-health/](https://northlakesclinic.org/behavioral-health/)

### 3. FHC-Ladysmith Alcohol and Drug Recovery Center

To learn more about services in this region, call 715-532-2373. This program did not have a website at the time this report was published.

### 4. HOPE Consortium

To learn more about services in this region, call 844-288-8324 or visit: [hopeconsortium.org/](https://hopeconsortium.org/)

### 5. Northeast Wisconsin Opioid Treatment Services

To learn more about services in this region, call 715-735-0095 or visit: [libertastreatment.org/hope](https://libertastreatment.org/hope)

## 2013 Wisconsin Act 195 Program Profiles<sup>1</sup>

### Northeast Wisconsin Opioid Treatment Services

- **Counties:** Florence, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto
- **Tribes:** Menominee Nation

Goal/Measurement	Year			
	2015	2016	2017	2018
1. Number of people served	25	99	118	98
2. Quality of life improvement <sup>2</sup>	Not measured	71% reported improvement	70% reported improvement	69% reported improvement
3. Discharges due to overdose death	0	0	0	0
4. Number of pregnant women served	0	7	7	5

### HOPE Consortium

- **Counties:** Forest, Iron, Oneida, Price, Vilas
- **Tribes:** Forest County Potawatomi Community, Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Sokaogon Chippewa Community

Goal/Measurement	Year			
	2015	2016	2017	2018
1. Number of people served	20	131	214	357
2. Quality of life improvement <sup>3</sup>	Not measured	75% reported improvement	75% reported improvement	69% reported improvement
3. Discharges due to overdose death	0	0	0	0
4. Number of pregnant women served	0	7	24	30

### NorthLakes Community Clinic

- **Counties:** Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Sawyer, Washburn
- **Tribes:** Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin

Goal/Measurement	Year			
	2015	2016	2017	2018
1. Number of people served	20	47	143	240
2. Quality of life improvement <sup>4</sup>	Not measured	86% reported improvement	75% reported improvement	70% reported improvement
3. Discharges due to overdose death	0	0	0	0
4. Number of pregnant women served	0	7	8	18

<sup>1</sup> Profiles for the programs established under 2017 Wisconsin Act 27 will be published beginning with the 2020 report.

<sup>2</sup> This program uses the Alcohol Smoking and Substance Involvement Screening Test (ASSIST) to measure quality of life improvement.

<sup>3</sup> This program uses the World Health Organization Quality of Life Brief (WHOQOL-BREF) to measure quality of life improvement.

<sup>4</sup> This program uses the Treatment Effectiveness Assessment (TEA) to measure quality of life improvement.

## Profile of People Served in 2018

	Northeast Wisconsin Opioid Treatment Services	HOPE Consortium	FHC-Ladysmith Alcohol and Drug Recovery Center	NorthLakes Community Clinic	Lake Superior Community Health Center
<b>Number of People Served in 2018</b>	98	357	*	240	181
<b>Referral Source</b>					
Self, Family, Friend	41%	93%	*	45%	13.8%
Substance Use Agency	2%	2%	*	27%	0.6%
Mental Health Agency	1%	0.5%	*	2%	0.0%
Corrections	13%	0.5%	*	3%	13.4%
Other Criminal Justice	0%	0.5%	*	11%	3.9%
Employer	0%	0.5%	*	0%	0.0%
County or Tribal Agency	7%	0%	*	1%	23.2%
Health Care Agency	0%	2%	*	7%	12.2%
Drug Court	11%	0%		4%	0.0%
Other	24%	0.5%	*	0%	16.0%
<b>Gender</b>					
Female	55%	52%	*	56%	33.0%
Male	45%	48%	*	44%	67.0%
<b>Age</b>					
Under 18	0%	0%	*	1%	0.6%
18-29	43%	28%	*	36%	35.0%
30-45	56%	56%	*	49%	46.0%
46-59	3%	12%	*	12%	17.0%
60 and Over	0%	4%	*	3%	1.7%
<b>Race</b>					
Caucasian	92%	65%	*	56%	87.0%
African American	0%	1%	*	2%	2.0%
American Indian	0%	33%	*	36%	4.0%
Asian	0%	1%	*	0%	1.0%
Hispanic	0%	1%	*	0%	0.0%
Unknown	8%	3%	*	6%	0.0%
<b>Drug of Abuse</b>					
Heroin	28%	6%	*	40%	26.0%
Other Opioids	51%	88%	*	60%	13.0%
Methamphetamine	16%	**	*	**	62.0%
<b>Education Level</b>					
Less Than High School	5%	11%	*	20%	29.0%
High School	49%	37%	*	35%	52.0%
Beyond High School	31%	35%	*	26%	14.0%
Unknown	15%	16%	*	19%	5.0%
<b>Employed</b>	32%	45%	*	34%	27.0%

\* The FHC-Ladysmith Alcohol and Drug Recovery Center did not serve any clients in calendar year 2018. The program was focused on hiring staff and developing its services.

\*\* Methamphetamine data was unavailable for these locations during the 2018 reporting period.

This report is published annually in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 51.422(3). For more information on opioid treatment services in Wisconsin, visit [dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids](https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids).