

Program completion

You may participate in the program for up to two years. You are considered to have successfully completed the program when you demonstrate that you can:

- Live without reliance on alcohol or illegal drugs.
- Engage actively in your treatment and transition to services in your county of residence.
- Maintain treatment, housing, and basic needs independently without the needs of the program.
- Make healthy decisions regarding recovery and mental health stability.

Program goals

- Reduce recidivism and revocation
- Decrease costs associated with incarceration
- Improve access to treatment for program participants
- Encourage participants involvement in meaningful and healthy structured activities
- Promote the self-sufficiency of participants

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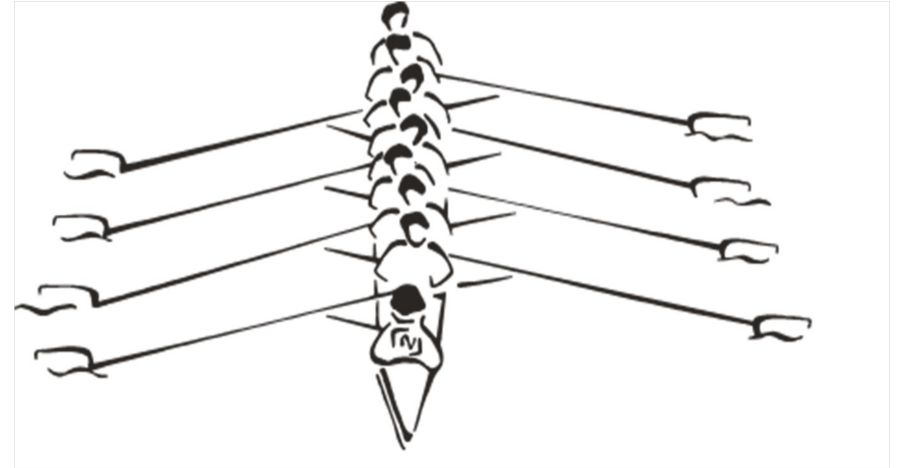
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OARS2

Participant

Opening Avenues to Reentry Success

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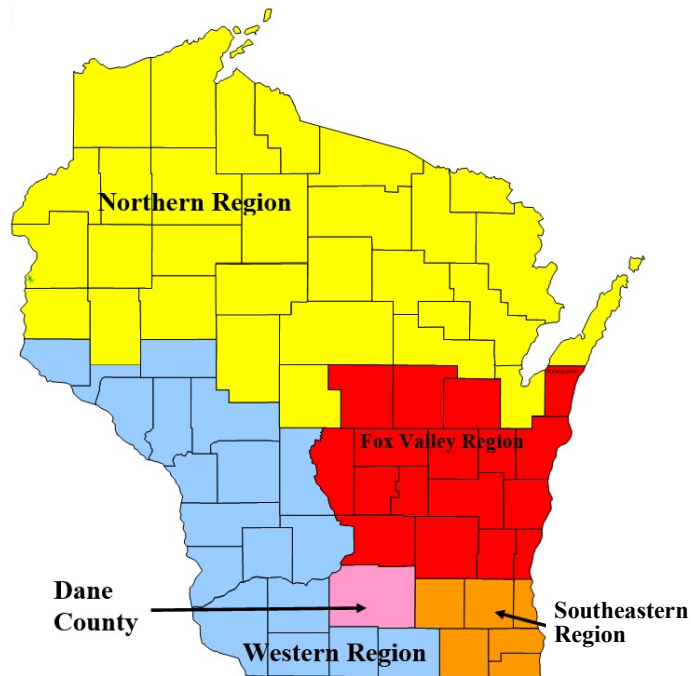
Program description

OARS2 is a program for individuals on Department of Corrections supervision with mental health needs currently participating in an alternative to revocation program or at-risk of incarceration who could benefit from additional services and support to remain in the community.

Statewide program

Program capacity is limited. Participants must:

- Be on supervision, including alternative to revocations.
- Be at risk of incarceration.
(Revocations and pending felony charges will not be considered.)
- Have a minimum of six months of supervision.
- Have serious and persistent mental health needs.
- Rate moderate-to-high-risk of reoffending according to the Department of Corrections assessment.
- Demonstrate a general motivation and willingness to engage in treatment programming.
- Agree to participate in the program.



Services provided

- Case management and social support
- Assistance obtaining and maintaining safe and affordable housing
- Access to healthy and meaningful structured activities, including educational programs, volunteer opportunities, and employment
- Access to local transportation, budgeting, and financial resources
- Free Social Security application assistance for certain participants
- Treatment options to address individualized needs
- County referrals to eligible benefit programs and ongoing case management services
- Resources for medication and access to psychiatric care

Team approach

All participants will be part of a team focused on addressing the participant's needs and goals. Team members include:

- You, the participant.
- Institution social worker, if currently in custody.
- Community corrections agent.
- Case manager.
- Department of Health Services OARS program specialist.
- Pro-social supports (family, friends, clergy, etc.).
- Treatment providers in the community.

Participant responsibilities

- Follow all rules of supervision.
- Meet with the assigned case manager and community corrections agent.
- Help develop and review Individualized Service Plan.
- Work with team to identify treatment and educational opportunities available in the community.
- Cooperate with treatment and take all medications as prescribed.
- Sign releases of information and consents for housing and treatment services.
- Be responsible and respectful with regards to any housing that is provided.
- Communicate with a team member regarding any concerns about the program expectations.