

## Program completion

Participants may be enrolled in the program for up to two years.

Participants who demonstrate the following are considered to have successfully completed the program.

- Live without reliance on alcohol or illegal drugs.
- Engage actively in their treatment and transition to services in their 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.

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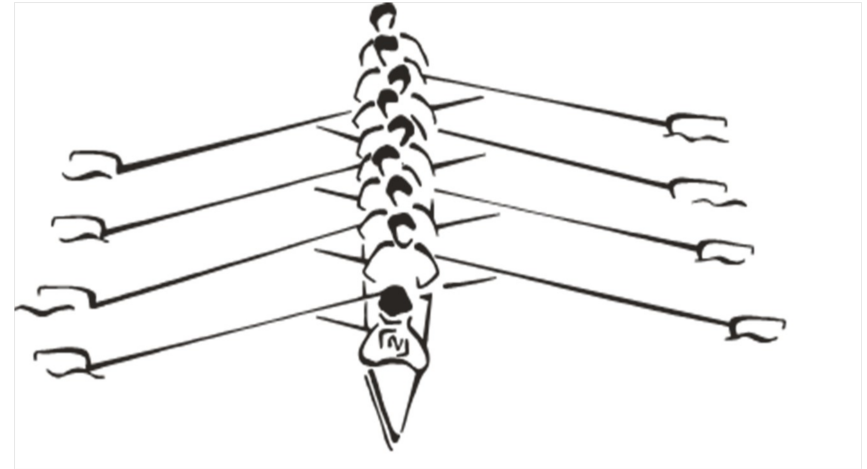
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# OARS2

## Agent Opening Avenues to Reentry Success

A program offered by the  
Wisconsin Department of Corrections  
in partnership with the  
Wisconsin Department of Health Services

### Program Vision

To enhance public safety by supporting the successful transition, recovery, and self-sufficiency of offenders with mental health needs as they reintegrate into the community.



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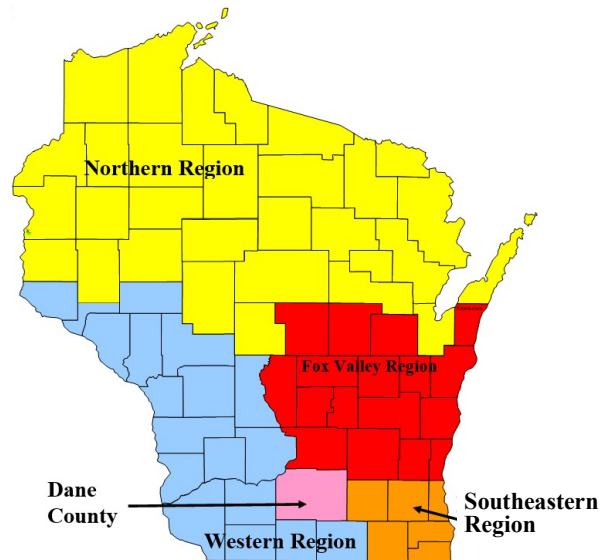
## Program goals

- Enhance public safety by reducing recidivism and revocation rates.
- Improve continuity of care of participants with mental health needs as they transition back to or stabilize in the community.
- Encourage participant involvement in meaningful, healthy structured activities.
- Promote participant self-sufficiency.
- Decrease costs associated with return to incarceration.

## Statewide program

Program capacity is limited. Participants must:

- Be on supervision, including alternative to revocations.
- Be at risk of incarceration (see referral form for description).  
(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.



## Program team members

The team develops an Individualized Service Plan to help the participant reintegrate into the community. Team members include:

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

## 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

## 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.