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Arrest and Jail Alternatives & Mental Health Field Response

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Mental Health Field Response (MHFR)

RCW 36.28A.440

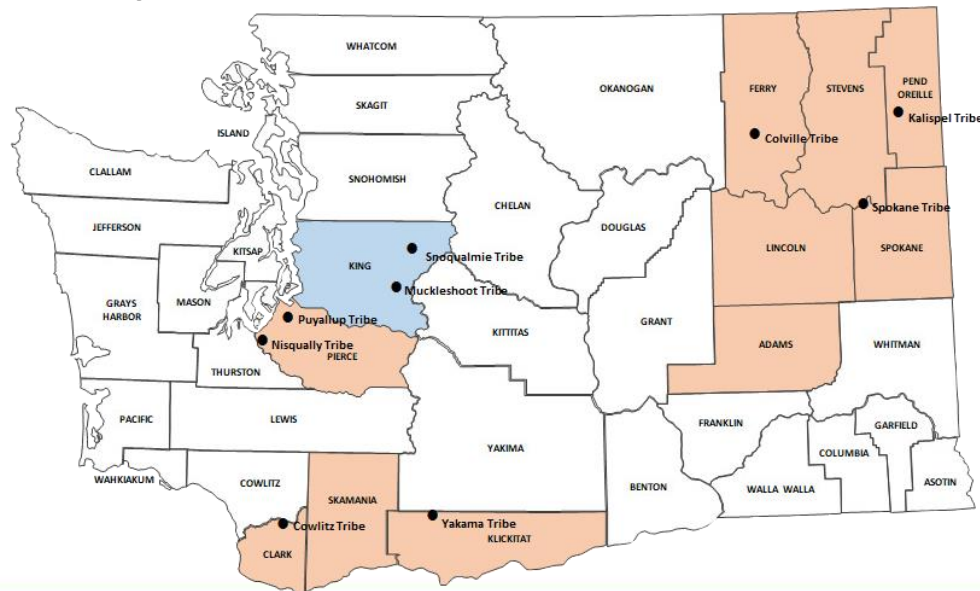


MHFR Origins

- Established in 2018 by [HB 2892](#)
 - [RCW 36.28A.440\(1\)](#): “...The purpose of the program is to assist local law enforcement agencies to establish and expand mental health field response capabilities, utilizing mental health professionals to professionally, humanely, and safely respond to crises involving persons with behavioral health issues with treatment, diversion, and reduced incarceration time as primary goals...”

MHFR Program Expansion

- [Trueblood et al v. Washington State DSHS](#)
 - Additional funding was made available to WASPC through the [Contempt Settlement Agreement](#).
 - This funding utilizes a phased, regional approach to program expansion:



Mental Health Field Response Sites

Airway Heights Police Department

- *Cheney Police Department*

Chelan County Sheriff's Office

- *East Wenatchee Police Department, Wenatchee Police Department, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, and the Chelan County Regional Jail*

Kirkland Police Department

- *Regional Crisis Response (RCR) Agency (Shoreline Police Department, Kenmore Police Department, Lake Forest Park Police Department and Bothell Police Department)*

Longview Police Department

- *Kelso Police Department, Kalama Police Department, Woodland Police Department, Castle Rock Police Department, and the Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office*

Port Angeles Police Department

- *Sequim Police Department, Forks Police Department, and the Clallam County Sheriff's Office*

Spokane County Sheriff's Office

- *Spokane Police Department and Spokane Valley Police Department*

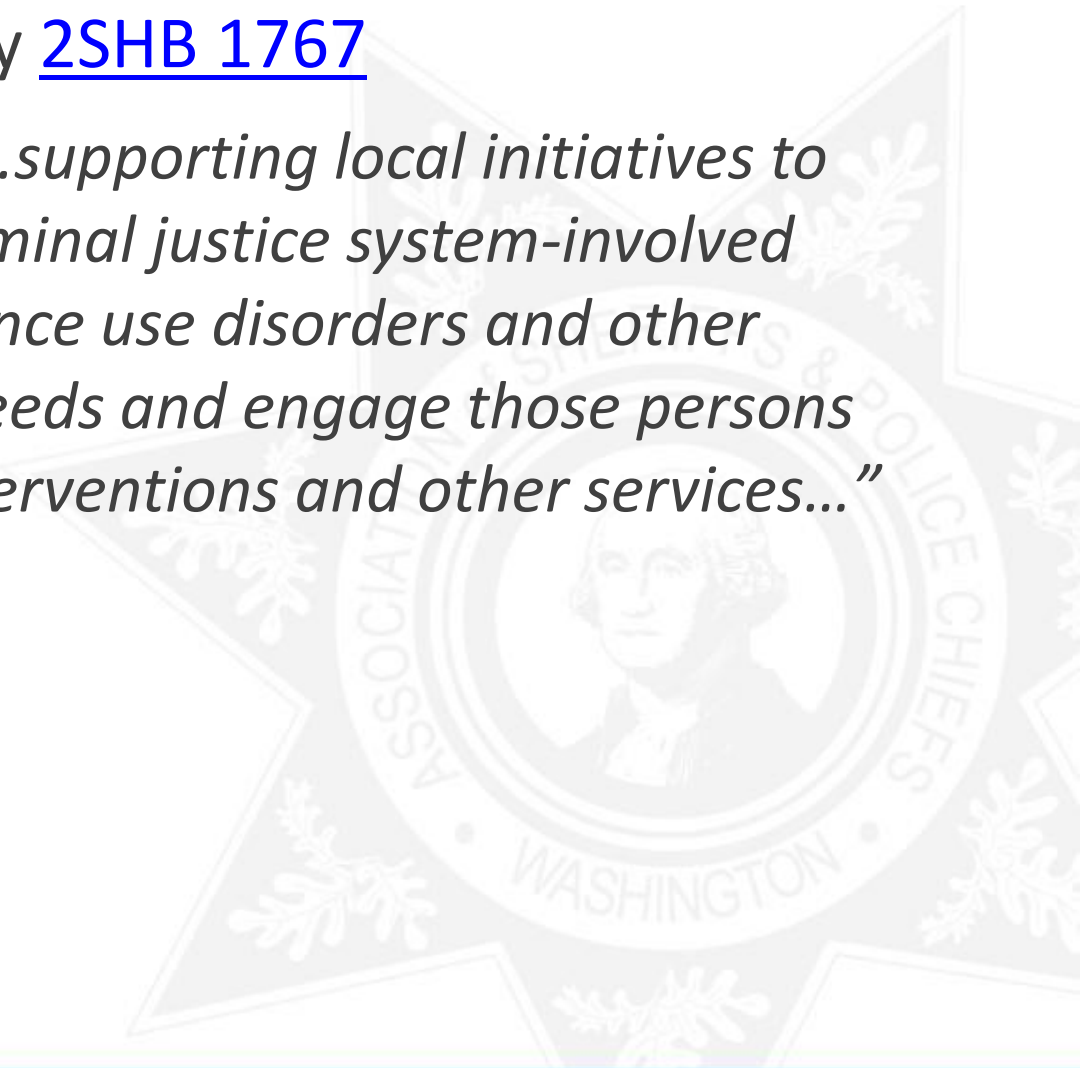
Arrest and Jail Alternatives (AJA)

RCW 36.28A.450



AJA Origins

- Established in 2019 by [2SHB 1767](#)
 - [RCW 36.28A.450](#): “...supporting local initiatives to properly identify criminal justice system-involved persons with substance use disorders and other behavioral health needs and engage those persons with therapeutic interventions and other services...”



AJA Expected Outcomes

- RCW 36.28A.440(8)(a):
 - *(i) To reduce arrests, time spent in custody, and/or recidivism for clients served by the program;*
 - *(ii) To increase access to and utilization of nonemergency community behavioral health services;*
 - *(iii) To reduce utilization of emergency services;*
 - *(iv) To increase resilience, stability, and well-being for clients served; and*
 - *(v) To reduce costs for the justice system compared to processing cases as usual through the justice system.*

Arrest and Jail Alternatives Sites

- Blue Mountain Heart to Heart (Walla Walla)
- Catholic Community Services (Olympia)
- Gateway to Freedom (Port Townsend)
- Olympic Peninsula Community Clinic (Port Angeles)



WASPC/LEAD NSB Partnership



Arrest and Jail Alternatives

- Technical Assistance to WASPC
- Technical Assistance to Grantees

