Highlights from the FY26 SURS Plan Progress Report

SURSAC October 5, 2026

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Overview

- RCW 71.24.546 requires HCA, in consultation with SURSAC, to report annually on implementation of the SURS Plan through December 1, 2026.
- The 2026 report is the final annual SURS Plan implementation report required under the statute.
- The report summarizes implementation progress, program updates, ongoing challenges, and recommendations that remain incomplete.
- Today's presentation highlights a few key updates to support SURSAC's review of the full report.

TREATMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Health Engagement Hubs

Opioid Treatment Program Expansion

Medications for Opioid Use Disorder/MAUD in Jail

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Health Engagement Hubs

The five-site HEH pilot continues to provide low-barrier access to medical, behavioral health, harm reduction, and social services.

3,265

unique clients

Across four sites collecting data

11,713

encounters

May 2025–April 2026

79%

received care navigation

59%

received SUD treatment

What we are learning

The current braided payment model does not fully sustain non-Tribal HEH sites. HCA is exploring bundled, per diem, and other payment approaches. FY26 appropriations were reduced to $4.5M and FY27 to $3.75M; longer-term outcome analysis is expected in spring 2028.

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Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Expansion

Two rural OTP expansion projects moved from construction to service delivery in 2026.

Walla Walla

Opened May 19, 2026

Oregon Recovery Treatment Centers

Licensed and serving the surrounding rural area

Wenatchee

Opened June 8, 2026

Acadia Healthcare

Licensed and serving the surrounding rural area

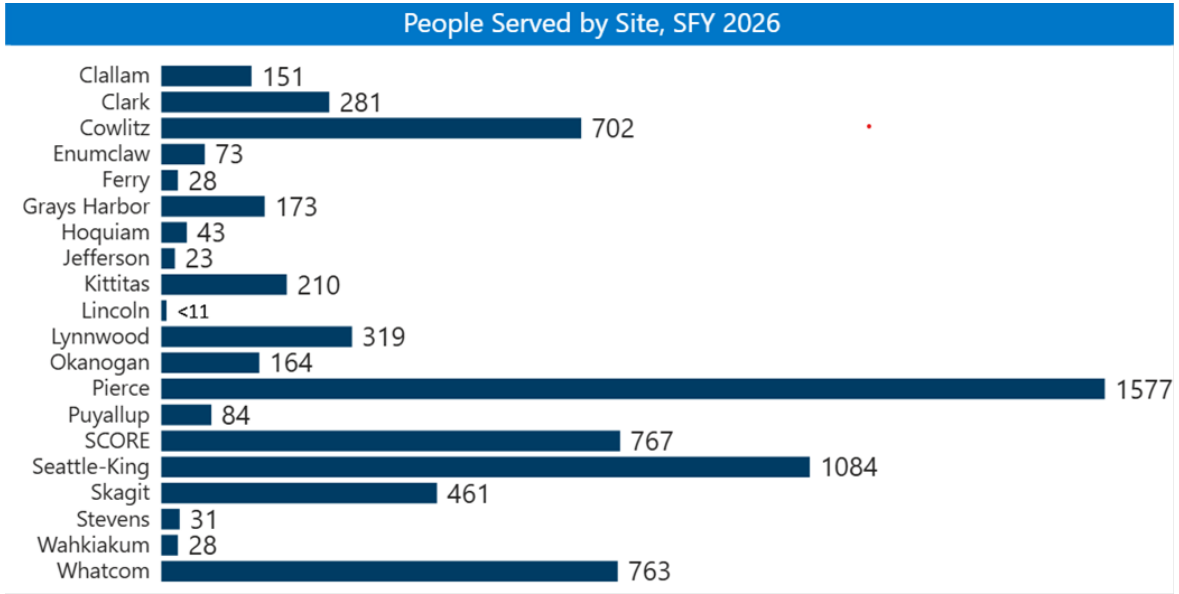
Ongoing challenge

City and county siting and zoning barriers continue to affect OTP expansion. After the Walla Walla and Wenatchee openings, these specific capital funds are not supporting further OTP expansion.

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MOUD/MAUD in Jails Program

- 19 jails participated in FY 2026.
- Program funding supports treatment initiation and continuation, reentry assistance, peer support, transportation, naloxone, and transition to community care.



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DATA HIGHLIGHTS

RNP Data Collection & Reporting

Law Enforcement & Behavioral Health Data Collection & Reporting

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RNP Data Collection: Version 7 Updates

A major 2026 focus was improving the RNP data workbook and reporting process through direct partner input, iterative review, and Quality Control.

SURVEY

BH-ASO and provider survey captured reporting challenges and priorities

LISTENING

Listening sessions gathered direct input from partners using the workbook

FEEDBACK

Feedback was reviewed and incorporated into workbook changes

INTERNAL REVIEW

Multiple HCA reviews checked clarity, consistency, and implementation needs.

QUALITY CONTROL

QC and testing reviewed formulas, logic, and data-entry requirements before release.

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Data Systems

The workbook update is one part of broader work to strengthen RNP data quality, validation, and statewide data infrastructure.

OCTOBER 1, 2026

Version 7.2

Latest workbook release incorporates additional implementation feedback and refinements.

EARLY 2027

PDAMS rollout

Program Data Acquisition, Management, and Storage will support standardized statewide collection and validation.

UNFUNDED

DDIP

The Diversion Data Integration Platform has not moved forward because sufficient implementation funding has not been identified.

A public-facing RNP dashboard remains in development to improve transparency and access to program outcomes.

OUTREACH, ENGAGEMENT, AND DIVERSION HIGHLIGHTS

Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Grant Program

Statewide Efforts

Youth Outreach Media Campaign

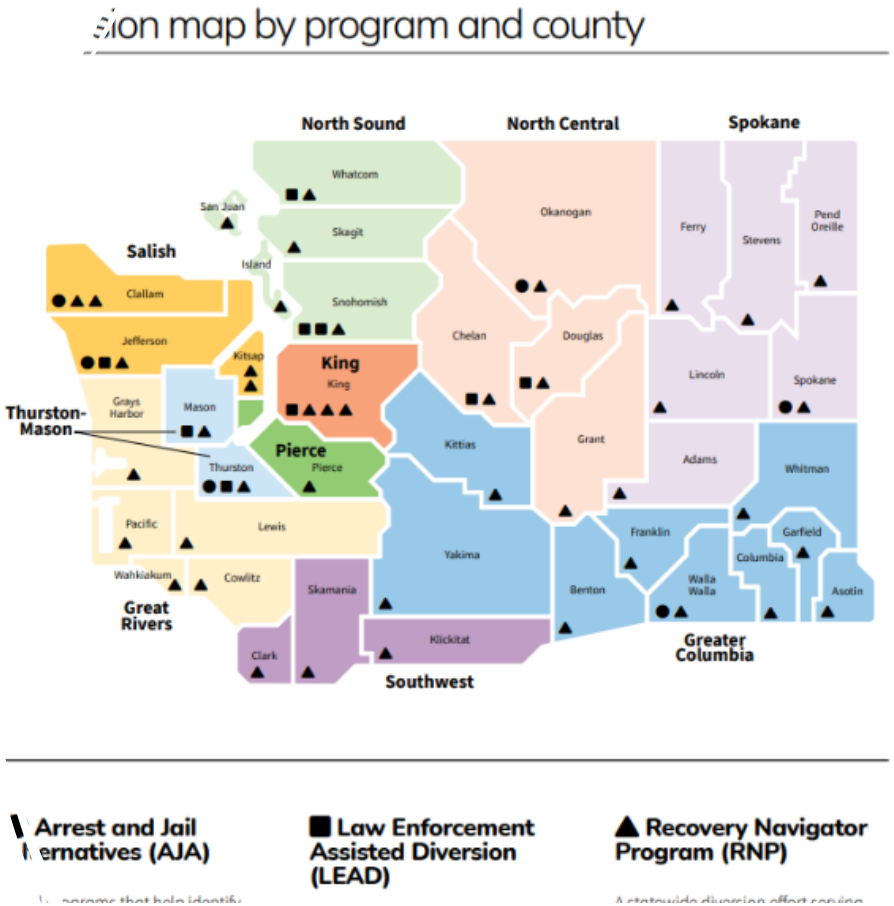
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Outreach, Engagement, & Diversion

- HCA continues to fund eight LEAD sites across Washington, including four sites added through the 2024 competitive procurement.
- LEAD programs provide long-term, community-based case management and connections to behavioral health treatment, housing, medications, employment, public assistance, and other recovery supports.
- The LEAD program received a 10% funding reduction in the 2025–27 biennial budget. All eight sites remain funded while adjusting program operations to the reduced funding level.
- The LEAD Support Bureau continues to provide technical assistance to support implementation and alignment with LEAD core principles.
- Funding reductions across LEAD, RNP, and AJA have limited the ability to expand pretrial diversion activities, with programs prioritizing their core pre-booking diversion services.

Statewide Diversion Programs

- Through ongoing partnerships with LEAD Support Bureau, WA State Association of Sheriff's and Police Chiefs, BH-ASOs, and community providers, HCA continues to support and expand prebooking diversion programs



Opioid Awareness Campaign for Youth

- Friends for Life expanded 2026 outreach into youth-serving and higher-risk settings while continuing statewide community partnerships.
- Youth were the primary audience, with a specific focus on older teens (14–17) and young adults (ages 18–25).
- Statewide Snapchat and streaming TV content exceeded typical engagement/video benchmarks
- A three-school ESD 105 pilot tested a new protective-factors activity
- Overdose-prevention messaging expanded into shelters and live music venues
- For Our Lives added Native youth-specific posters, videos, conversation guides, and web content

Campaign highlights

POST-CAMPAIGN EVALUATION

Evaluation showed a positive impact on naloxone and fentanyl awareness, particularly among young adults. Results also identified opportunities for additional naloxone-access messaging and Spanish-language strategies.

NEXT PHASE

Continue CBO partnerships and expand youth-specific tools through Friends for Life and For Our Lives.

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RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS

Recovery Housing

Pathways to Recovery for Employment and Education (PREE)

CRAFT model trainings for caregivers of youth with SUD

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Recovery Supports

- Recovery housing continues to grow, with 377 new beds created through 42 contracts in new homes.
- PREE continues to provide employment, education, and barrier-removal supports through four contracted providers, with FY27 funding reduced by 30 percent.
- HCA contracted with CARES NW to provide CRAFT facilitator trainings, so those facilitators can provide CRAFT trainings to caregivers of youth with SUD in their communities. Participant surveys are being used to support effectiveness reporting beginning in 2027.

Additional Program Highlights



ScalaNW

- 45 hospitals received direct technical assistance as of September 2026.
- 33 hospitals were enrolled in real-time follow-up appointment scheduling



HOST

- 20,359 outreach encounters
- Provided services to 1,887 unique HOST-eligible individuals during state fiscal year 2026.



SUD Family Navigators

- FY 2026 program data reflect substantial growth in individuals and family members reached through participating organizations.
- 3,431individuals and families served.

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Remaining gaps



- The following Recommendations, in part or in full, include areas which have not been implemented:
- Plan recommendation 2 (Legal advocacy)
- Plan recommendation 3 (LGBTQIA housing)
- Plan recommendation 12 (Stigma Reducing Outreach in Schools)
- Plan recommendation 15 (Rural Access and Expansion of OTPs)
- Plan recommendation 18 (Continuum of Housing)

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The Full Report & Your Feedback

- These are a few highlights from the report, not an exhaustive overview of SURS Plan implementation progress or ongoing challenges.
- The 2026 report is the final annual implementation report required under RCW 71.24.546.
- SURSAC members will receive the full draft report and have an opportunity to review and provide feedback before final submission.
- Although the statutory reporting cycle is concluding, many programs, evaluations, and implementation efforts described in the report will continue.



Questions?

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