



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



HEROIN RECOVERY POD PILOT PROGRAM

September 26, 2016 – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil announced the Heroin Recovery Pod Pilot Program. This is an endeavor designed to offer services such as peer mentoring, housing, employment, and community guidance to incarcerated women who are addicted to heroin. This effort began with 16 female inmates who must first volunteer to participate and sign a pledge to follow the rules and guidelines of the program. While residing in the pod the women receive supportive programming designed to move them to empowerment, recovery and community reintegration. As these women are released from custody they are then directly connected to outside treatment, agency support and community services.

Several agencies have volunteered their services for this pilot recovery model. Some of those agencies include the following:

Off the Streets
C.A.T. House Peer Mentoring
First Step Home
Hamilton County Re-entry
Cincinnati Works
IV Charis
Art For All People
Women Changing Lives Recovery

Our goal is to create a successful evidence based recovery model. In the future we plan to extend this recovery model to the heroin addicted men who are incarcerated in the Hamilton County Justice Center as well.

This effort is based on a Heroin Recovery Model that is ongoing in the Jefferson County Jail in Louisville, Kentucky. We acknowledge this pilot program is simply a first step in the right direction, but is missing a critical component of medical detox. Sheriff Neil and Major Charmaine McGuffey proposed a full 18 bed build out of the Justice Center some months ago and we continue to work in collaboration with the Commissioners regarding both short term and long term potential funding opportunities. Going forward the Sheriff's Office always welcomes new partners in hopes we can make this a successful and impactful program.

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