



# New Mexico

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### Current FY2022 RSAT funded program

### OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM

The RSAT Program at the Second Judicial Court is called The Young Adult Court Treatment Program. The program is a jail diversion program that provides trauma-informed services to young adults. The program is designed after the drug court model. There are currently 37 individuals enrolled in the program with additional people referred on a consistent basis. The RSAT Program is a distinct program within the Second Judicial Court, with individual staff and programming and an internal database that keeps RSAT participants separate from other court participants. The program provides and/or coordinates evidence-based services, trauma-informed care, and medication-assisted treatment (MAT).

The current grant was awarded at the beginning of 2020. The program has received two additional small grants for \$5,000 each from Bernalillo County. All other funding for the program comes from court resources.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA, SCREENING/ASSESSMENT, AND TREATMENT PLANNING

Eligible participants have a history of a substance use and/or co-occurring disorders (COD). Individuals that enter the program are 18 to 25 years old with an open felony case within the Second Judicial District Court. The program is voluntary, and an individual can opt out and return to the formal court process at any time. Screening includes a review of demographics, program criteria, and legal charges. Assessments include:

- Risk and needs screening (Risk and Needs Triage [RANT] assessment);
- Adverse childhood experience (ACE) screening;
- Stage of change;
- Willingness to engage;
- Basic needs and resources;
- Treatment needs; and
- Clinical diagnoses with treatment recommendations.

The treatment provider completes a clinical assessment with the client and obtains collateral information from staff. After biopsychosocial testing, the provider and client collaboratively develop a treatment plan that identifies goals, objectives, treatment regimen, frequency, and sometimes duration. Treatment recommendations are based on the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) level of care model and are not always linear, but rather determined by the level need and active diagnosis.

The typical length of treatment is 18 to 24 months. Treatment is based on individual needs and may include inpatient treatment, detoxification, social rehabilitation, intensive outpatient services, individual, group, family, and trauma work.

## MODALITY OF RSAT PROGRAM

The Young Adult Treatment Program is based on the ASAM level of care model, a strength-based multidimensional assessment that considers an individual's needs, obstacles, and liabilities, as well as their strengths, assets, resources, and support structure. This information is used to determine the appropriate level of care across a continuum. Individuals are offered inpatient detoxification services, as well as intensive and regular outpatient individual, group, and family therapy.

Completion of the program and diversion from incarceration or referral to another court-mandated program is based on the individual remaining drug free for 90 days, no new charges, increased community engagement, and the completion of treatment goals.

Upon completion of the program, an individual's case may be dismissed, they may be placed on regular probation, or they may receive a reduced sentence (depending on the original charge). In some cases, if it is a first felony, a CR1 is filed to protect the individuals from future background checks. If the individual has mental health issues that make it impossible to complete the program, they may be referred to the County Mental Health Court. It is a priority in this program to keep youth "off paper" if possible.

## MAT PROGRAMMING

MAT is available in the form of naltrexone (Vivitrol), methadone, and buprenorphine and naloxone (Suboxone).

## CONTINUING CARE/REINTEGRATION

The Young Adult Court Treatment Program is the final intervention for youth before a prison sentence or referral to other court-mandated programs. In addition to in-house clinicians, the program employs the resources of community partners to assist with sober living and the encouragement of non-criminological behavior.

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

The Young Adult Court Treatment Program is using RSAT funding to train two in-house clinicians to become certified in dialectical behavioral therapy (DBT).

## CONTINUING CARE PROVIDERS

UNM Jail Diversion Intense Case Management  
505-925-4353

Perfectly Imperfect IOP  
505-550-1306

Turquoise Lodge Hospital  
505-841-8978

Four Winds Social Rehab  
505-702-8547

Turning Point Men's Sober Living Home  
505-217-1717

Crossroads for Women, Community Living and  
Scattered Site housing Services  
505-242-1010

Serenity Mesa  
505-877-3644

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