



Utah

COUNTY JAIL PROGRAMS
Sanpete County Jail
Utah Purgatory Correctional Facility

County Jail Programs



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Current FY18 Funding: \$94,930 (Sanpete County);
\$202,469 (Washington County)*

OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM

The RSAT programs in Utah are in Sanpete and Washington counties. Both jails serve adult men and women. Each program specializes in services for people with mental health and substance use disorders (SUDs).

The state was first awarded RSAT funds in 1996, the same year the first drug court in Salt Lake City was established. This drug court model spread quickly throughout the state. Utah's jail-based RSAT programs are a transitional component connected to today's drug court programs.

Various changes in state legislature, program eligibility criteria, and other factors have impacted the eligibility of jail-based programs to apply for RSAT funding through the state. However, two small rural jails received grant awards in this fiscal year. The Sanpete RSAT Program is new and just getting underway, and Washington County is in its third year of RSAT funding. At the time of interview, these programs were projected to serve nearly 100 inmates. Each RSAT Program is fully funded by RSAT grants.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA, SCREENING/ASSESSMENT, AND TREATMENT PLANNING

Even though these are very small rural jails, RSAT participants are housed in separate pods. Typically, fewer women than men participate in the programs.

To be eligible, individuals must be in the jail a minimum of 90 days, diagnosed with an SUD by a licensed and clinically trained mental health professional using the DSM-5 and a thorough

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biopsychosocial screening or assessments such as the Risk and Needs Triage (RANT) and Level of Service Inventory-Revised: Screening Version (LSI-R:SV) tools. They also must be mandated to go through the drug court program. Mental health professionals also identify mental health diagnoses and SUD severity through the Addiction Severity Index (ASI). Program participants are mandated to participate in the drug court program. If they successfully complete drug court, their guilty plea is withdrawn and the charges are dismissed.

MODALITY OF RSAT PROGRAM

Once an individual enters the RSAT Program, a service plan is developed at intake based on information already provided, along with other assessment details. Screening and assessments are evidence based and include criminal risk, substance use, and mental health assessment tools. Drug court is incorporated into the transitional planning.

Both jails have 90-day programs. A more robust program is available for individuals who are in the jail for 120 days or longer and assessed as high risk. Program participants participate in group work and individual counseling sessions. Staff use cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT), Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT), and various interventions, and integrate co-occurring and trauma-informed treatment into the therapeutic communities.

The state makes regular onsite visits to the programs.

CONTINUING CARE/REINTEGRATION

Participants who successfully complete the program phase into transitional services and enter the drug court program. Both jails face the challenges of connecting individuals to outpatient/continuing care services and identify this as a gap area. However, program participants are linked to community supports and services as part of their transition plan. Another recognized challenge is when participants are released after fewer than 90 days.

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