

Center for Driver's License Recovery & Employability

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Community & Economic Development Committee

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Relevant Statistics

- 89,489 Milwaukee County residents have driver's license suspensions or revocations
- Less than half of Milwaukee County African-American and Hispanic adults have a valid driver's license compared to 85% of white adults.
- Young adults ages 18-24: only 26% of African Americans and 34% of Hispanics in Milwaukee County have a valid license compared to 71% of young white adults.
- A study on 1990s employment outcomes for female welfare recipients found that possession of a valid driver's license was a better predictor of sustained employment than a high school diploma.

SOURCE: University of Wisconsin Milwaukee (UWM) Employment & Training Institute, 2006.

Employability Connection

- Three-fourths of the full and part-time job openings in the Metro Milwaukee Area were located in the suburbs and exurban counties- areas not easily accessed by public transportation
- Most job openings either specifically identified possession of a valid state driver's license as an employment requirement OR employers requested information on jobseekers' driving status
- In central city Milwaukee, job seekers outnumber full-time openings by a gap of 7 to 1

Common Reasons for Suspension and/or Revocation (Milwaukee County)

- Failure to Pay Forfeiture
- Operating While Suspended (OWS)
- Operating After Revocation (OAR)

NOTE: These reasons are not attributable to unsafe driving; they are mostly based on the inability or failure to pay fines.

Direct Service Process

- Eligibility:
 - Milwaukee County resident age 18 years or older
 - Driver's license currently suspended or revoked
 - No current Operating While Intoxicated (OWI)
 - 200 percent of poverty or below (2007 federal guidelines)
- Triage: Not Eligible, Fast Track, Case Management, Legal Service, or Advice Only
- Average length of time in [standard] case management: 4-6 months

Center Staff

- Five full time case managers (the fifth joined the staff on June 1)
- One full time attorney
- One full time office administrator/intake coordinator
- One full time director

Intake Projections

Of a sample of 100 referred persons:

Approximately 25 will not show up for their appointment or will not be eligible;

Of the remaining 75 persons, approximately:

- 30 will go into [standard] <u>Case Management</u>
- 15 will be considered Fast Track Case Management
- 15 will need <u>Case Management with Intense Legal Services</u>
- 15 will receive Advice Only

Intake Projections After 12 Full Months at Current Capacity (April 1, 2008)

- 4,000 Persons referred
- 1,000 "No Show" or "Not Eligible"
- 3,000 Persons designated "clients"
- 2,400 Persons in some phase of case management
- **600** "Advice Only" (will not obtain driving privileges through our program)
- 1,000-1,200 persons obtain driving privileges (50% of 2,400)

Triage Outcomes: April 2-July 16, 2007

	Number	%
Advice Only	110	16.6
Case Management	99	15
Case Management/Legal Service	93	14
Fast Track	119	18
No Show	139	21
 Not Eligible (various reasons) 	25	4.2
Pending	77	11.6
Total	662	100

Client Outcomes April 2-July 16, 2007

	Number	%
 Driving Privileges Obtained 	44	68.8
• Driving Privileges Not Obtained	16	25
 Refused Alternative 	4	6.3
Total	64	100

NOTE: The percentage of "Driving Privileges Obtained" is artificially high in the early stages of the program. We expect this number to decline and level off at 50 percent by the one-year mark (April 1, 2008).

Referral Agencies

Community Development Block (CDBG) Program Agencies

- Esperanza Unida
- Guest House of Milwaukee
- Hmong American Friendship Association
- Lincoln Park Community Center
- Milwaukee Careers Cooperative
- · Milwaukee Urban League
- · Repairers of the Breach
- · Riverworks Development Corporation
- Wisconsin Community Services
- · Word of Hope Ministries (to begin soon)

Referral Agencies

Courts and Other "System" Referrals

- Boys and Girls Club at Ethan Allen
- Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office
- Municipal Court of Milwaukee
- Racine Youthful Offender Correctional Facilityoffenders who are Milwaukee County residents (to begin soon)
- State Public Defender's Office

Referral Agencies

Other Sources

- Centro Legal
- City of Milwaukee Constituent Services
- Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC)
- New Concepts Self Development Center
- Outlying Municipal Courts
- Self Referrals
- Social Development Commission (to begin soon)

"Fee For Service" Contracts

W2 Agencies Consortium

- Maximus
- PSI
- UMOS
- YWCA

Department of Corrections (to begin September 1)

Additional Outreach

- Community Partners through Safe and Sound
- Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee
- · Private Industry Council, Don Sykes
- Governor's Roundtable on Driver's License Issues with Secretaries Busalacchi and Gassman of the Departments of Transportation and Workforce Development, respectively
- 2007 Fatherhood Summit and other "community operations" to take place quarterly
- Common Ground Initiative

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