

W/B HIDTA Treatment and Prevention Spotlight

Berkeley Day Report Center,
West Virginia



The Berkeley Day Report Center (BDRC) has provided substance use disorder treatment to adult nonviolent offenders in Martinsburg, West Virginia, since 2016. Funding from the Washington/Baltimore HIDTA helps the BDRC achieve their mission – to provide a viable, cost-effective alternative to incarceration. In partnership with law enforcement, the judiciary, government agencies and community resources, the BDRC aims to reduce criminal recidivism rates by providing treatment participants with the opportunity to learn about their behavior, acquire needed skills to address problematic issues, and develop life tools to ensure long-term success while enhancing community safety. The program has seen great success towards its mission, with a recidivism rate of 26% within five years post treatment completion. In comparison, the national recidivism rate for state prisoners five years post release is 76%.¹ Tim Czaja, the Director of the BDRC, stated that, “The most meaningful aspect of our work is providing a way for our participants – whose lives have been destroyed by addiction – to be set free from that condition. We watch them go through a transformative process.”



Other staff echoed this sentiment, noting how meaningful it is to see participants overcome their substance use disorder and enjoy life again. Participants see that recovery is possible, and that they are worthy of it. The program walks participants through how to take responsibility, build their self-esteem, find meaning and purpose, and pursue educational and employment goals. The work is possible due to the funding provided by the Washington/Baltimore HIDTA – who has supported the work since its inception – and the community that believes in and supports substance use disorder treatment. Alumni and current participants spend time together on a quarterly basis and visit the BDRC even when it is not court ordered, which highlights the feeling of community fostered there.



The BDRC is no stranger to quickly outgrowing their space to continue meeting the needs of the community. In December, the BDRC celebrated a ribbon cutting for a large addition to their building. The 19,000-square-foot addition includes a large conference room that can accommodate all staff members, and 25 individual offices for case managers and therapists. Additional construction will begin soon to add a large open area for participants to spend time in. The space will intentionally be friendly and inviting – with amenities such as a TV to watch movies together, a library, and a pool table – to further foster a lifestyle of recovery and community.

The BDRC continues to evolve to address needs. In the fall of 2024, the BDRC was officially approved as a licensed DUI Safety and Treatment program by the West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV). The BDRC also began to provide services to the federal probation office. The staff are excited to see how these two new programs grow in 2025. To learn more about the BDRC, you can visit their website [here](#).

