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Our Vision
Within the next five years, our efforts to dismantle and disrupt drug trafficking and money laundering organizations, provide treatment resources, and develop drug prevention programs will save lives and strengthen communities and families in the Washington/Baltimore HIDTA region.

Our Mission
To reduce drug trafficking and misuse by improving interagency collaboration, promoting accurate and timely information and intelligence sharing, and providing specialized training and other resources to its law enforcement, intelligence, treatment, and prevention initiatives. To accomplish its mission, the Washington/Baltimore HIDTA will strategically apply its resources to initiatives designed to save lives, prevent initiation of drug use, and apprehend drug traffickers and money launderers.
The High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program (HIDTA) was created by Congress with the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988. The mission of the HIDTA Program is to disrupt the market for illegal drugs in the United States by assisting Federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement entities participating in the HIDTA Program to dismantle and disrupt drug trafficking organizations, with particular emphasis on drug trafficking regions that have harmful effects on other parts of the United States.

Each of the 33 HIDTA Programs across the country share two goals as part of the National HIDTA Program:

1) Disrupt the market for illegal drugs by dismantling or disrupting drug trafficking and/or money laundering organizations
2) Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of HIDTA initiatives

In 1994, the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) designated 13 jurisdictions in Maryland, the District of Columbia, and Northern Virginia as a HIDTA region. Since then, the Washington/Baltimore (W/B) HIDTA’s boundaries have expanded to include 26 counties and 11 cities in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.
Washington/Baltimore HIDTA Leadership

An executive board comprised of Federal, state, and local representatives from law enforcement, treatment, prevention, public safety, and criminal justice agencies from across the region, and an executive director lead the W/B HIDTA. The executive board assesses the drug trafficking threats found in the region; develops a strategy to address the threats; designs initiatives to implement the strategy; and proposes funding needed to carry out the initiatives.

Chief Howard Hall
Roanoke County Police Department
HIDTA Executive Board Chairperson

Chief Hall joined the Roanoke County Police Department in 2012 after a 25-year career in the Baltimore County Police Department. He is a certified instructor and recognized expert in data-driven policing. During his service at the BCPD, Chief Hall gained experience in patrol, traffic, special operations, administration, accreditation compliance, and other specialties. Chief Hall earned a B.A. in Government and Politics, a Master of Public Administration, and a Graduate Certificate in Police Administration. He attended the FBI National Academy and currently serves as the president of the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police.

Thomas Carr
Executive Director

Director Carr has served as the executive director of the W/B HIDTA since its formation in 1994. He also serves as the executive director of the Center for Drug Policy and Enforcement at the University of Baltimore. Director Carr designed and implemented over 150 drug task forces, 18 drug treatment/criminal justice, and five drug prevention initiatives during the last 26 years. As chairperson of the HIDTA Program’s Performance Management Process Committee, he established metrics to measure the efficiency and effectiveness of drug law enforcement, treatment, prevention, and criminal intelligence initiatives. Director Carr worked with ONDCP and nine other HIDTAs to develop an Opioid Response Strategy. He also led the development of the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP), a real-time overdose surveillance system used to identify spikes in fatal and non-fatal drug overdoses.

Washington/Baltimore HIDTA
Executive Board Membership

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Some people may regard performance management metrics as — at best — a drudgery best avoided. However, to the National HIDTA Program, they are a means of demonstrating impact, obtaining funding and keeping the Program within the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). Ron Jones has served as the National HIDTA Program’s Performance Management Process (PMP) analyst since retiring from ONDCP and joining the W/B HIDTA in 2007.

Prior to Ron’s work at ONDCP, he served as an examiner for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Ron’s many duties with the OMB included serving as ONDCP’s examiner. His initial review of the National HIDTA Program in 2000 concluded that it failed to demonstrate its efficiency or effectiveness. Though Ron could have actually rendered a much harsher finding, he understood the National HIDTA Program’s value, even though the metrics ONDCP had provided him failed to measure its worth. Ron’s findings served as a wakeup call to ONDCP and the National HIDTA Program, and prompted the development of the Performance Management Process (PMP).

Ron came to the W/B HIDTA to aid in the development and implementation of the PMP system. As the PMP analyst, Ron worked with all 32 HIDTAs and ONDCP’s National HIDTA Program Office. His professionalism, insights, and devotion to the National HIDTA Program have not only helped keep the Program within ONDCP despite four separate attempts by the Administration to move it and decrease its funding, but also contributed to its financial growth — from $225 million in 2004 to $285 million in 2020.

Now, after 26 years of Federal service, 13 years with the W/B HIDTA, and four years as a Marine, including 13 months in Vietnam, Ron is retiring with the knowledge that he served his country and the National HIDTA Program with honor and distinction. His presence and services will be missed.
The mission of the National HIDTA Program’s Overdose Response Strategy (ORS) is to reduce fatal and non-fatal overdose incidents by developing and sharing information about heroin and other opioids across agencies and disciplines and by offering evidence-based intervention strategies.

The ORS goals are to:

- Create and coordinate shared data regimes that allow public health, law enforcement, and others to respond quickly and effectively to the opioid epidemic
- Develop and support strategic, evidence-based responses to generate immediate reductions in the number of overdose-related fatalities
- Promote and support prevention efforts to prevent or reduce opioid misuse
- Promote the active engagement of local communities in the discussion, planning, and implementation of the ORS goals and activities

In 2019, the W/B HIDTA:

- Sent out 249 Felony Arrest Notifications
- Made 3,127 Notification of Public Health Referrals
- Executed 1,627 information sharing agreements
- Provided 143 actionable intelligence and recommendation reports

The HIDTA Program’s ORS started with a grant awarded to five HIDTAs to address the Nation’s overdose epidemic, in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Funding is directed toward supporting positions in each of the 24 states covered by the participating HIDTAs, which include the W/B HIDTA – in particular two drug intelligence officers, and two public health analysts. This Public Health and Public Safety Network is tasked with communicating information, and collaborating across agencies and with other states participating in the ORS.

In several cases, information sharing has led to the identification of drug distributors linked to fatal opioid overdoses, and the information has been critical to disrupting distribution networks. The project also develops and disseminates information on prevention activities.
Law Enforcement

The W/B HIDTA invested $9,344,266 to support 42 multi-agency and multi-jurisdictional law enforcement initiatives in 2019. These initiatives focused on identifying and disrupting/dismantling drug trafficking organizations and money laundering organizations.

The return on investment for these activities, calculated as the ratio of the W/B HIDTA’s investigative budget to the wholesale value of drugs, money and other assets seized from traffickers was $8.80 for every HIDTA dollar spent.

Return on Investment: $8.80

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<th>2019 W/B HIDTA Investigative Budget</th>
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<td>Total Value of Drugs, Money, and Other Assets Removed from the Marketplace in 2019</td>
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Federal, state, and local law enforcement officers from over 80 agencies worked in HIDTA-funded initiatives, which were collocated in 20 sites across the region. Using Case Explorer software, these officers shared information on suspected persons and criminal organizations; and on the locations where upcoming law enforcement operations will occur, to ensure that officers are not working the same or similar cases. This increased operational efficiency and officer safety.

W/B HIDTA initiatives deconflicted shared contacts involving 151 drug trafficking and/or money laundering organizations, and nearly 3,600 events.

The Washington/Baltimore HIDTA initiatives apprehended 3,600 fugitives in 2019. Thirty percent of those apprehended (1,092) were fugitives with drug charges.

Taking Down Drug Trafficking and Money Laundering Organizations

W/B HIDTA-sponsored law enforcement initiatives disrupted or dismantled 151 drug trafficking/money laundering organizations, to include:

- 15 INTERNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS
- 72 MULTI-STATE DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS
- 64 LOCAL DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS
Removing Drugs from Our Communities

W/B HIDTA law enforcement initiatives removed almost six thousand kilograms of illicit drugs from across the region.

### Quantity of Drugs Removed from the Marketplace

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<td>Marijuana Plants: Indoor</td>
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2019 National Award Winners Outstanding Investigative Effort

The Hampton Roads Peninsula Drug Initiative initiated an investigation, “Operation Cookout” into a multi-drug trafficking organization and money laundering operation based in Sinaloa, Mexico. The organizations were smuggling narcotics from Mexico into the United States, while collecting and laundering drug proceeds.

The investigation has resulted in 42 federal arrests for narcotics and money laundering violations, and the seizure of approximately 30.2 kilograms of fentanyl, 21.7 kilograms of heroin, 6.2 kilograms of heroin/fentanyl, 5.1 kilograms of cocaine, 13 grams of liquid fentanyl, 10.2 grams of fentanyl/morphine, 2.7 grams of black tar heroin, 26 firearms, and $693,762.
The W/B HIDTA Investigative Support Center (ISC) is an established leader in intelligence analysis and innovation. It provides analytical support for developing leads to further an investigation, and evidentiary products required for successful prosecution.

Each of the W/B HIDTA’s 20 collocated sites are linked electronically to the ISC, which collects, analyzes, and disseminates information and intelligence on drug trafficking, money laundering, violence, gangs, and weapons trafficking to support both HIDTA initiatives and participating agencies. Unique to the ISC is its ability to exploit big data through network analysis.

The ISC is heavily involved with information technology projects that contribute to the efficiency and effectiveness of other programs, and agencies. These efforts led to the advancement of intelligence led-prosecutions and the creation of data sharing intelligence networks.

ISC analysts provided support to 339 cases in 2019.

Exceptional Washington/Baltimore HIDTA Task Force Accomplishments

Prince George’s Safe Street Initiative
The Prince George’s Safe Street Initiative, which is led by the FBI’s Cross Border Task Force in cooperation with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and Washington D.C. Metropolitan Police Department, dismantled the leadership and supply network of the Redzone Crew, a violent drug and weapons trafficking criminal enterprise led by Derrick Boyd. The Redzone Crew operated in Northeast Washington, DC and Prince George’s County, Md. To date, the investigation has led to the recovery of eight weapons; and seized two kilograms of cocaine, 200 grams of heroin, 4,500 grams of cannabis, and more than $33,000.

Violent Trafficker Initiative
The Violent Trafficker Initiative (VTI) began an investigation into the Dixon Drug Trafficking Organization – and during this reporting period, the VTI arrested two members of the DTO; was instrumental in an arrest within another DTO made by the Baltimore DEA Heroin Initiative; and seized 3.5 kilograms of fentanyl, $222,600, and two firearms. The VTI’s lead sharing and coordination resulted in the seizure of approximately eight kilograms of fentanyl, $3 million, a firearm, and multiple vehicles by the Baltimore DEA Heroin Initiative.

The VTI started an investigation into the Hunt DTO, in which it collaborated with the Baltimore County Police Department, and the Internal Revenue Service. The Hunt DTO was known to be responsible for distributing large amounts of cocaine, marijuana and heroin in the Baltimore Metropolitan Area.

During 2019, the VTI arrested 16 members of the DTO; and seized 70 grams of heroin/fentanyl mixtures, two kilograms of cocaine, $174,000, over $49,000 worth of jewelry, and 11 firearms. Investigators also identified a shooting threat against a member of the DTO and were able to arrest the “would be” perpetrator before any act of violence occurred.
ISC ANALYST RECOGNITION:

Hannah Storch

Intelligence Analyst (I/A) Hannah Storch provided case support for 85 investigations that resulted in geospatial analyses, telephone toll analyses, link analyses, timelines, and intelligence profiles. The value of Hannah’s case support is routinely evident. By way of example, by analyzing PMP data from a case agent, she identified a doctor suspected of overprescribing.

Hannah’s analysis revealed 22 patients who overdosed; seven of which were fatal, with the range in the number of prescriptions from one to 159. Another example of Hannah’s excellent performance is the long-term case support she provided through toll analysis for a wiretap that resulted in 13 arrests, and the seizure of three firearms, 100 grams of heroin/fentanyl mixture, 100 vials of crack cocaine, and over 100 grams of powder cocaine.

HIDTA Training Unit

The W/B HIDTA funded and supported 31,543 hours of training for its law enforcement, analytical, and management resources, to include:

- 20,084 hours of enforcement training to over 1,400 students
- 9,165 hours of analytical training to over 1,500 students
- 2,294 hours of management training to nearly 300 students

When surveyed six months after they received the training:

- 95 percent of the students responded that the training course improved their knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to perform their jobs
- 83 percent responded that they used the knowledge, skills, and abilities they acquired in the training course.
Treatment Services

The W/B HIDTA granted $3,378,569 in 2019 to support initiatives that provide integrated drug treatment services and criminal justice supervision for substance-dependent offenders. Funds were used to address identified gaps in the treatment and recovery systems in W/B HIDTA communities. As the HIDTA Program relates specifically to crime control, the key evaluation measure is recidivism. A recent evaluation conducted by the Institute for Behavioral Health found that recidivism rates for all HIDTA-sponsored treatment initiatives have ranged from 28 to 42 percent—about half the national average of 70 percent.

W/B HIDTA Treatment Grantees

- Anne Arundel County (MD) Treatment
- Arlington County (VA) Treatment
- Baltimore Substance Abuse Systems
- Berkeley Substance Abuse Initiative (Berkeley County, WV)
- Brooke’s House (Hagerstown, MD)
- City of Richmond Adult Drug Treatment Court
- Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (Washington, D.C.)
- Fairfax County (VA) Alcohol Substance Abuse Services
- Fairfax County (VA) Sheriff’s Department STAR 360 Program
- Northern Shenandoah Valley Substance Abuse Coalition (Winchester, VA)
- Prince George’s County (MD) Treatment
- Prince William County (VA) Treatment Program

Spotlight On Treatment
Fairfax County, Virginia Sheriff’s Office Star 360 Program

The Fairfax County, VA Sheriff’s Department operates an evidence-based pre-release and reentry program, known as Striving to Achieve Recovery (STAR). STAR provides holistic, wrap-around substance abuse treatment and recovery services to mitigate risk factors associated with recidivism.

STAR Program services:
- Jail-based medication-assisted treatment (MAT), which transitions to a community-based outpatient MAT clinic
- Employment, housing, health care, and community recovery supports
- Peer navigation

HIDTA funds supported 50 STAR clients.

Many STAR participants have found the treatment to be extraordinary and life-changing.

“This program is constantly evolving and always pushing us into our uncomfortable zones to prepare us for life on the outside.”
– Dustin

“Through the STAR program, I have embraced a positive, permanent, life-changing opportunity.”
– Jackson

“The HIDTA grant is helping us take a more comprehensive approach to the opioid epidemic and other substance use disorders. Using best practice protocols for health care, we go beyond detox to actually treating more people with medication to address their addiction issues. Additionally, we ensure a strong transition to the community with links to behavioral and primary health care, housing, transportation, and employment. Our goals are to reduce recidivism, prevent overdose deaths and improve opportunities for a lifetime in recovery. A healthier community is a safer community.”
– Sheriff Stacey Kincaid

STAR participants are recognized by Sheriff Kincaid for completing the 72-hour Peer Recovery Specialist training, which provides non-clinical, wellness-focused, trauma-informed support.
Prevention Services

The W/B HIDTA invested $769,578 to support prevention activities. These activities are designed to prevent, identify, or mitigate substance use by coordinating community and local government resources to foster protective factors, increase knowledge around illicit substances, and link individuals to appropriate levels of care.

Spotlight On Prevention: Badges For Baseball

Badges for Baseball is a life skills training program implemented by the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation that pairs at-risk youth with mentors from local communities, including law enforcement, who use team sports to teach valuable life lessons.

Program participants include the most vulnerable youth, including those in low-income families and single-parent households, children of parents on active military duty, and youth with disabilities. They are taught valuable lessons from the program’s Healthy Choices, Healthy Children curriculum, which focuses on:

- Fitness
- Nutrition
- Civics and leadership
- Financial literacy
- Bullying
- Resilience
- Adaptive sports for those with disabilities

“There is no program that educates Richmond’s youth about the fundamentals of baseball, character development, and life skills like the Badges for Baseball program. By the end of the Badges for Baseball Summer Program, Richmond’s youth are excited about baseball — all while building relationships with officers. It’s a magical partnership and a great example of community policing.”

- GiTonya Parker, M.Ed., Richmond Police Department

W/B HIDTA-SPONSORED BADGES FOR BASEBALL PARTNERS:

- The Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Richmond, which served 105 youth in five program sites, and included the participation of eight law enforcement officers and five non-law enforcement mentors
- Prince William County (VA) Community Services, which served 94 youth in two program sites, and included the participation of two law enforcement officers and three non-law enforcement mentors
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Baltimore, which served 260 youth in four program sites, and included the participation of four law enforcement officers and 25 non-law enforcement mentors
- The YMCA of Central Maryland, which served 102 youth in three program sites, and included the participation of three law enforcement officers and six non-law enforcement mentors
- The Boys and Girls Clubs of Southwest Virginia, which served 267 youth in one program site, and included the participation of 11 law enforcement officers and 26 non-law enforcement mentors

“Badges for Baseball has been occurring at our Southside Club for years now ... Just seeing the officers in plain clothes, our members are able to connect and let down their guard — and this is further assisted by seeing the same officers consistently, week to week, and even year to year.

— Caitlin Figura, Donor Relations Manager Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Richmond

PARTICIPATING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES INCLUDED:

- US Marshal’s Service
- Baltimore Police Department
- Baltimore City Sheriff’s Office
- Manassas City (VA) Police Department
- Manassas Park (VA) Police Department
- Prince William County (VA) Sheriff’s Office
- Roanoke City (VA) Police Department

Badges for Baseball expanded to include “College Day” events where participants visit local colleges, engage in sports and other interactive activities with scholar-athletes on campus, and ask the athletes questions about everyday college life. W/B HIDTA funded college events occurred at:

- American University
- James Madison University
- Cal Ripken Summer Camp, Aberdeen, Md.
- U.S. Naval Academy
Spotlight On Prevention: The Martinsburg Initiative

The Martinsburg Initiative (TMI) in West Virginia is an innovative and holistic collaboration involving the Martinsburg Police Department, Berkeley County Schools, and Shepherd University. It focuses on preventing substance abuse disorders, building strong families, and empowering the Martinsburg community through police, school, community, health, and education partnerships.

Chief Maury Richards of the Martinsburg Police Department stated in a January 2018 article in The Hill, “We are identifying at-risk children and dysfunctional families—assessing, addressing, mitigating, and eliminating many basic causes of substance abuse.”

TMI works in eight elementary schools, two middle schools, and one high school to:

- Increase awareness of how to prevent substance abuse disorders and adverse childhood events through community empowerment
- Identify, risk stratify, and offer interventions for individuals experiencing risk factors of trauma and substance misuse

Program elements include:

POLICE CLASSROOM VISITS
Martinsburg City Police Department officers visit every classroom in eight targeted elementary schools. TMI has created a culture where students see the police in a positive light and recognize that they are human.

In Fall 2019, police officers visited 152 classrooms.

TOO GOOD FOR DRUGS CURRICULUM
TMI facilitated the instruction of this evidence-based prevention initiative in all eight of its Martinsburg elementary Schools. The curriculum builds five essential life skills: goal setting; decision making; bonding with pro-social peers; identifying and managing emotions; and communicating effectively. The curriculum is designed to reduce risk factors and enhance protective factors related to alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use among students. In 2019, over 650 students participated in this curriculum.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS
Drum Circle is one of eight after school programs funded by the HIDTA. At Rosemont Elementary School, 14 third graders participated in drum circle. The administrator found that the program has “created a sense of community among the students as they perform together” and observed growth in social skills and self-esteem.

TMI also used HIDTA funds for Trauma Sensitive Educator Training. This training has been transformative for many Martinsburg educators.

“Since last year, the Nurtured Heart Approach learned in training has become the center not only of my classroom, but everything around me. It has whole-heartedly changed my entire outlook on teaching. It has kept me in the profession. I no longer fear the intense child. In fact, it’s the complete opposite, I welcome the intense child!”

– Kristen H.

“The secondary traumatic stress seminar was probably the most relieving yet crippling classes I took throughout the year. I am finally able to put a name to what I am experiencing, but I still can’t take back what my students have been through. Putting a name to the symptoms has helped alleviate some of the grief that I feel for my trauma students.”

– Renee R.
Thank you

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