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Virginia, and
West Virginia



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WHAT IS THE HIDTA PROGRAM?

The High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program was created by Congress in 1988 to coordinate and assist federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies to address regional drug threats with the purpose of reducing drug trafficking and production. Nationally, the HIDTA program consists of 33 regional HIDTAs in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia supporting more than 23,000 law enforcement agents, officers, analysts, and support personnel.

Each of the 33 HIDTA Programs across the country shares 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 29 counties and 12 cities in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Our 74 initiatives support 159 participating agencies and almost 1,000 personnel.



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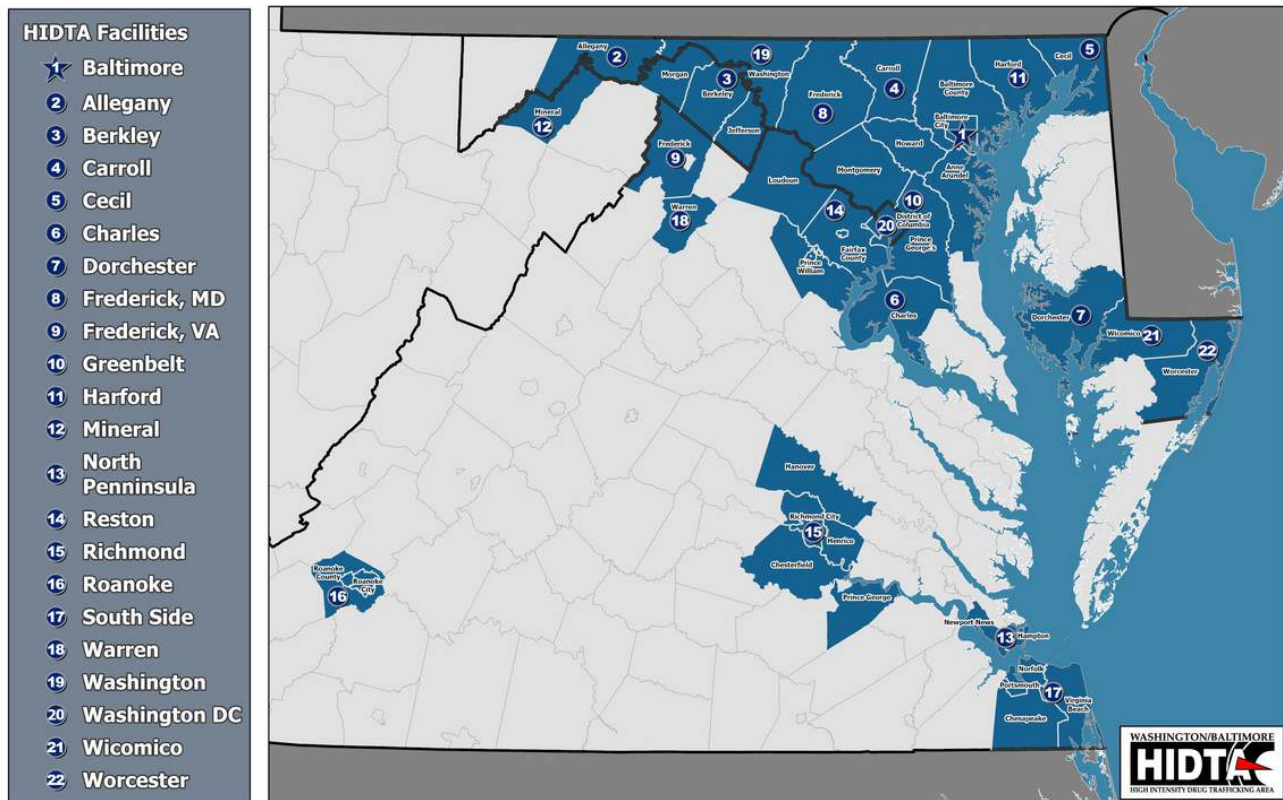
Within the next five years, our efforts to dismantle and disrupt drug trafficking and money laundering organizations, provide treatment resources, and develop drug prevention programs will save lives and strengthen communities and families in the W/B HIDTA region.

MISSION

Our mission is 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 law enforcement, intelligence, prevention, and treatment initiatives.

To accomplish our mission, the W/B HIDTA will strategically apply its resources to initiatives designed to save lives, prevent the initiation and continuation of drug misuse, and disrupt and dismantle drug traffickers, money launderers, and criminal operations.

WASHINGTON/BALTIMORE HIDTA REGION



The W/B HIDTA is home to approximately 12 million people and our HIDTA covers significant population centers throughout the region—including 100% of the population in the District of Columbia, 93% of Maryland, 62% of Virginia, and 12% of West Virginia. The region encompasses 12,099 square miles running from as far north as Cecil County, Md., as far south as Virginia Beach, Va. and as far west as Roanoke, Va. The region’s most eastern county is Worcester County, which includes Ocean City, Md.

Though the W/B HIDTA area has never served as a major gateway for illegal drugs into the United States, it serves as a major distribution hub for the Mid-Atlantic states. In 2025, federal, state, and local law enforcement officials responding to the 2026 W/B HIDTA Threat Assessment Survey for Law Enforcement identified fentanyl, powder and crack cocaine, methamphetamine, and marijuana as the primary drug threats in their communities.

Drug use and the violence associated with trafficking throughout our region necessitates a continued, strategically-focused, and comprehensive approach to saving lives through coordinated information sharing and resource investment focusing on both supply and demand reduction practices.

WASHINGTON/BALTIMORE HIDTA LEADERSHIP

The leadership of the W/B HIDTA is comprised of an executive board representing members from federal, state, and local law enforcement, public safety, treatment, prevention, and criminal justice agencies from across the region. The W/B HIDTA Executive Director and HIDTA team supports the priorities of the Executive Board in assessing the regional drug threat and the response through our initiative model and investment.



JEFF BEESON

Executive Director

Jeff Beeson was appointed Executive Director of the Washington/Baltimore High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (W/B HIDTA) on January 9, 2024. His responsibilities include the overall administration of the W/B HIDTA, a multi-million dollar grant program funded out of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). Mr. Beeson currently serves as a board member of the National HIDTA Director's Association and the HIDTA Intelligence Committee, and chairs the HIDTA Performance Management Committee.

Prior to his appointment as Executive Director, Mr. Beeson served as the W/B HIDTA's Deputy Director and Chief of Staff for almost eight years. During that time, he managed the W/B HIDTA's staff and overall budget, the W/B HIDTA's Overdose Response Strategy, as well as the region's training initiatives. Mr. Beeson was also responsible for the development of the Overdose Detection Mapping Application (ODMAP), a nationwide overdose tracking and alert system serving over 5,000 users in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. In 2020, he was awarded the HIDTA Staff Member of the Year from ONDCP.

Prior to joining the W/B HIDTA, Mr. Beeson served as Assistant Vice President of Applied Research at Towson University, where he oversaw a portfolio of federal and state grants and contracts supporting public safety initiatives. Mr. Beeson was appointed to several leadership positions within the State of Maryland, including Deputy Assistant Secretary of Workforce, Executive Director for the Maryland Correctional Enterprises Management Council, and Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. He began his career as a congressional staffer for U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski of Maryland.

Jeff has a master's degree in social science with a criminal justice focus and a bachelor's degree in political science.

EXECUTIVE BOARD LEADERSHIP



DAMON E. WOOD

*U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Postal Inspector in Charge, Washington Division;
Chair, Executive Board*

Inspector Damon E. Wood began his law enforcement career in October 2002, when he was appointed to the position of Postal Inspector in Richmond, Va. While assigned to the Richmond Domicile, Inspector Wood worked multiple assignments, including Workers' Compensation, Mail Fraud, Dangerous Mail Investigations and Prohibited Mail Narcotics.

Prior to his appointment to Postal Inspector in 2002, Inspector Wood worked nine years for the U.S. Postal Service as a supervisor of customer service and as a city letter carrier. Inspector Wood is also a military veteran, having served in the Air National Guard/US Air Force, where he attained the rank of staff sergeant before being honorably discharged. Throughout his law enforcement career, Inspector Wood has received numerous awards and accolades, including US Attorney's Office Public Service Awards; Chief Postal Inspector Award; Deputy Chief Inspector Award, and various other merit awards.

Throughout his career, Inspector Wood held various leadership positions to include program manager, assistant inspector in charge (headquarters) and assistant inspector in charge (field). During his time at national headquarters, Inspector Wood led the Postmaster General's Executive Protection Detail, providing security and logistics for two postmaster generals; and managed the building security program at national headquarters.

On February 29, 2020, Inspector Wood received an executive appointment to inspector in charge of the Philadelphia Division. In that role, he was responsible for 93 employees, which included postal inspectors, postal police officers, and a host of professional technical, and administrative employees. On September 26, 2022, Inspector-in-Charge Wood was reassigned to the Washington Division, where he is now responsible for a complement of 195 employees.

WASHINGTON/BALTIMORE HIDTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERSHIP

CHAIR

Damon E. Wood

Postal Inspector in Charge
U.S. Postal Inspection Service
Washington Division

FEDERAL MEMBERS

U.S. Attorney Lindsey Halligan U.S. Attorney's Office Eastern District of Virginia	U.S. Attorney Kelly O. Hayes U.S. Attorney's Office District of Maryland	Special Agent in Charge Charles Doerr Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives	U.S. Marshal Robert Dixon U.S. Marshals Service District of Columbia
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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Veronica Pallutch, Exec. Asst. to the Director, W/B HIDTA PMP Coordinator, & Executive Board Manager

Recognizing the Bedrock of the Washington/Baltimore HIDTA for Over 25 Years



Veronica Pallutch joined the Washington/Baltimore (W/B) HIDTA in June 1999 as an administrative assistant for the prevention, treatment, and law enforcement programs. In November 1999, she was promoted to executive assistant and office manager. She has been involved with the Performance Management Process (PMP) for the HIDTA program as well as other special projects for the Office of National Drug Control Policy since 2004.

Unquestionably, Veronica serves as the bedrock of the organization. When W/B HIDTA managers need to understand the historical context of a policy and/or funding decision, they go to her.

When over 15 W/B HIDTA Executive Board members transitioned out of their positions and 15 new members transitioned in over the past year, Veronica confidently and competently managed the turnover with professionalism and grace. Significantly, when the only executive director ever to run the W/B HIDTA retired after 30 years in 2024, she became indispensable to the current W/B HIDTA Executive Director, Jeff Beeson in managing this transition.

“VERONICA IS A CORNERSTONE OF THE WASHINGTON/BALTIMORE HIDTA, HAVING DEDICATED MORE THAN 25 YEARS TO ADVANCING OUR MISSION. SHE HAS GUIDED THE PROGRAM THROUGH SIGNIFICANT GROWTH, EXPERTLY MANAGING THE LOGISTICS OF OUR EXECUTIVE BOARD, AND ENSURING OUR STRICT ADHERENCE TO HIDTA PROGRAM STANDARDS. HER KNOWLEDGE, PROFESSIONALISM, AND STEADY LEADERSHIP HAVE BEEN INVALUABLE — PARTICULARLY DURING MY TRANSITION INTO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ROLE. QUITE SIMPLY, I COULD NOT DO THIS WITHOUT HER.”

-W/B HIDTA Executive Director Jeff Beeson

Veronica wears many hats, as her many titles and responsibilities reflect, and is a subject matter expert in all of them. As the W/B HIDTA PMP Coordinator, Veronica has assisted in the organization of the National HIDTA Program’s Performance Management Committee (PMC) regular meetings across the country, trained PMP Coordinators from other regional HIDTAs, prepared annual PMP documents to assist others in administering PMP correctly.



Veronica Pallutch receives the inaugural Tom Carr “Employee of the Year” Award at the W/B HIDTA Award Banquet. Pictured from Left to Right: Deputy Director Gary Hartman, Deputy Director Dr. Lora Peppard, Executive Director Jeff Beeson, Executive Assistant to the Director Veronica Pallutch, Executive Board Chair and Postal Inspector-in-Charge Damon E. Wood, First Deputy Director and Chief of Staff John Cook.

“OVER 27 YEARS I HAVE WITNESSED THE W/B HIDTA’S CONTINUED GROWTH AND TRANSFORMATION. IT HAS BEEN A PRIVILEGE TO BE PART OF A TEAM THAT REMAINS STEADFAST IN ITS VALUES AND COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE, INNOVATION, AND SERVICE.”

- Veronica Pallutch

Veronica’s organizational knowledge and skills are impeccable. She assists in collecting and providing documents for ONDCP audits and keeps records and materials from every leadership meeting.

W/B HIDTA Executive Board members count on Veronica to prepare and provide them with materials that she collects from W/B HIDTA leadership ahead of their quarterly meetings. She provides well-written and professional meeting notes for them to review and consider, and tracks attendance and changes in leadership.

Veronica received recognition from the National HIDTA Directors Association in 2004, and was awarded the W/B HIDTA Outstanding Coordinator in 2012. She holds a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Maryland Global Campus.

TEAM RECOGNITION: W/B HIDTA FINANCE UNIT

The W/B HIDTA Finance Unit serves a wide range of internal and external stakeholders by providing accurate financial management, compliance oversight, and timely operational services. Internal stakeholders include the W/B HIDTA executive board and administrative teams, W/B HIDTA law enforcement initiative members, and W/B HIDTA staff. External stakeholders include the W/B HIDTA's three fiduciaries, its federal, state, and local partners, community partners, vendors and contractors, and auditors.



Pictured from left to right: Shawn Newson, Amy Johnson, Sherah Lonick, Colleen Milliken, and Deb Flores

In every interaction, the Unit functions as both a trusted service provider and a key accountability partner, ensuring compliance with organizational policies, federal and state requirements, and ONDCP guidelines.

“EFFECTIVE FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP IS ESSENTIAL TO EVERYTHING WE DO, AND THE W/B HIDTA FINANCE UNIT EXEMPLIFIES THAT RESPONSIBILITY. THEIR PROACTIVE APPROACH, ADAPTABILITY, AND DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF OUR PARTNERS’ NEEDS HAVE EARNED THE TRUST OF STAKEHOLDERS AT EVERY LEVEL AND CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN OUR ORGANIZATION YEAR AFTER YEAR.”

-W/B HIDTA Executive Director Jeff Beeson

The Finance Unit is comprised of five highly-experienced professionals whose collective institutional knowledge and dedication support the program's complex financial and administrative needs:

- **Sherah Lonick** - W/B HIDTA Deputy Director for Finance/Chief Financial Officer, has been with the Washington/Baltimore HIDTA for over 30 years.
- **Amy Johnson** - Deputy Finance Manager, has served over 18 years with the W/B HIDTA.
- **Shawn Newson** - Business Manager, joined the W/B HIDTA over 25 years ago.
- **Deb Flores** - Business Manager, has served over eight years with the W/B HIDTA.
- **Colleen Milliken**, Budget Analyst, joined the W/B HIDTA over two years ago.

Together, the Finance Unit manages W/B HIDTA's current base funding of \$16.4 million, which encompasses over 70 individual initiative budgets. The Unit ensures that all financial and human resources activities comply with ONDCP guidance, federal and state regulations, and fiduciary policies and procedures. In addition to its financial responsibilities, the Unit also functions as the organization's human resources office and provides administrative support as needed.

Each year, the Finance Unit manages a significant amount of funding and responsibilities that support the everyday operations of the W/B HIDTA and its related resources. This includes managing the following:

- **Procurements;**
- **Law enforcement agreements for overtime, vehicles, leases, and personnel; and**
- **Travel for W/B HIDTA administration, and law enforcement initiative members.**

Over time, the Unit has successfully navigated challenges such as funding delays, system inefficiencies, and frequent changes in federal regulations and fiduciary requirements. Through proactive planning and continuous improvement, staff have strengthened budget monitoring practices and adopted digital tools to streamline workflows. These efforts have resulted in greater financial accuracy, improved efficiency, and more timely reporting.

The Unit's key milestones include:

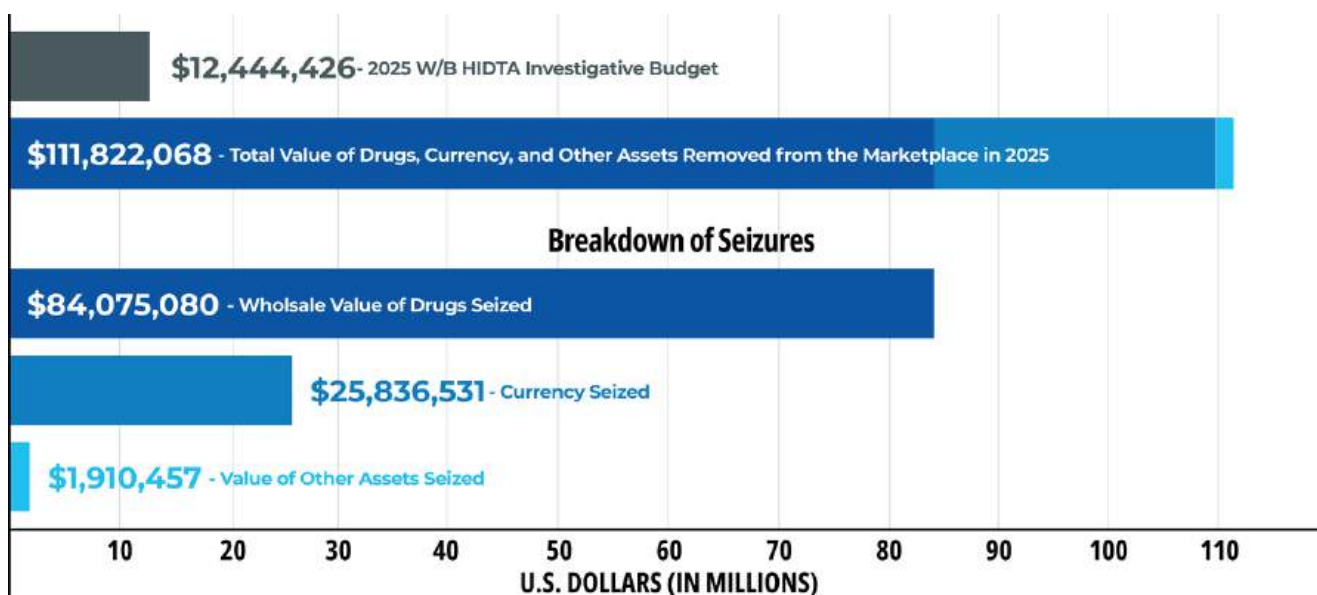
- **The creation of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for financial and human resources, specifically for purchasing requests, reimbursements, procurements, budget management, recruitment, HR procedures, and treatment and prevention subawards, which has improved consistency, reduced errors, and helped onboard new staff more effectively;**
- **Streamlining the procurement process with the use of DocuSign for routing and tracking purchase requests; and**
- **Preparing for and participating in several successful financial audits.**

Providing a stable and strong financial and administrative foundation upon which the success of the W/B HIDTA is built year after year requires a passion for excellence, dedication to learning new things, and the ability to anticipate possible problems and address them with creative solutions. The W/B HIDTA Finance Unit's stewardship of financial resources and administrative processes is both necessary and exemplary.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

In 2025, the W/B HIDTA invested \$12,444,426 to support 42 multi-agency and multi-jurisdictional law enforcement initiatives, including two prosecutorial initiatives. These initiatives focused on disrupting/dismantling drug trafficking organizations and money laundering organizations operating in the W/B HIDTA region. 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 **\$8.99 for every HIDTA dollar spent.**

RETURN ON INVESTMENT: **\$8.99**



In 2025, federal, state, and local law enforcement from 122 agencies worked in HIDTA-funded initiatives, which were collocated in 22 sites across the region, using Case Explorer software developed by the W/B HIDTA. Through the use of Case Explorer, W/B HIDTA initiatives deconflicted shared contacts involving 86 drug trafficking and/or money laundering organizations; and over 1,950 events.



ELIMINATING DRUG TRAFFICKING AND MONEY LAUNDERING ORGANIZATIONS IN THE REGION

W/B HIDTA-sponsored law enforcement initiatives disrupted or dismantled 125 drug trafficking/money laundering organizations, to include:

14

INTERNATIONAL DRUG
TRAFFICKING
ORGANIZATIONS

46

MULTI-STATE DRUG
TRAFFICKING
ORGANIZATIONS

65

LOCAL DRUG
TRAFFICKING
ORGANIZATIONS

DRUGS REMOVED FROM THE MARKETPLACE FOR 2025



FENTANYL
116 KG; 744,488 D.U.



PRESCRIPTION NARCOTICS
5 KG



COCAINE HcL/CRACK
1,294 KG



**PRESCRIPTION CNS
DEPRESSANTS**
5 KG



MARIJUANA/CANNABIS
3,402 KG



SYNTHETIC HALLUCINOGENS
53 KG



METHAMPHETAMINE
432 KG



HEROIN
25 KG

OUTSTANDING W/B HIDTA INVESTIGATIONS

ATF STING INITIATIVE - OPERATION IRON THRONE

In November 2024, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Washington Group I - HIDTA initiated Operation Iron Throne, an intelligence-driven investigation which targeted a criminal network of undocumented traffickers engaged in the concurrent trade of firearms, narcotics, and human smuggling across the United States.

Through sophisticated undercover operations, coordinated physical and electronic surveillance, and over 65 electronic intercepts, the investigative team executed 18 controlled purchases of firearms and narcotics using confidential informants and undercover agents. In coordination with the ATF Pittsburgh Field Office and the Pennsylvania State Police they recovered over 250 firearms, including machine guns, suppressors, a sawed-off shotgun, a 40mm grenade launcher, and thousands of rounds of ammunition, in addition to about 15,000 fentanyl-laced tablets and over 50 ounces of cocaine. Investigators identified the network's core members linked to transnational organized crime, resulting in 16 arrests.

Operation Iron Throne has not only **neutralized a major firearms and narcotics trafficking network**, but also **exposed a systemic supply-chain vulnerability that contributed to violent crime in the NCR**. Partner agencies included the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives offices in Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Boston, and Pittsburgh. Additional agencies included the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Homeland Security Investigations, Metro Transit Police Department, U.S. Park Police, Pennsylvania State Police, Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Maryland. **Operation Iron Throne represents a model HIDTA investigation: intelligence-driven, multi-agency, transnational in scope, and impactful in outcome - dismantling a violent criminal network while safeguarding communities across numerous states.**



NORTHERN VIRGINIA GANG INITIATIVE: X3M STREET GANG

In April 2025, the Northern Virginia Gang Initiative (NVGI) concluded a nine-month, highly-complex, multi-jurisdictional investigation into a dangerous criminal street gang called “X3M.” The organization was a prolific distributor of fentanyl, cocaine, psychedelic mushrooms, and other narcotics throughout the Dale City and Woodbridge areas of Northern Virginia. The gang also sold credit privacy numbers and fake identification cards to further fraud activities in the region. During the investigation, the W/B HIDTA-supported initiative discovered that **the gang members participated in multiple shootings and were committing robberies to fund their organization.**



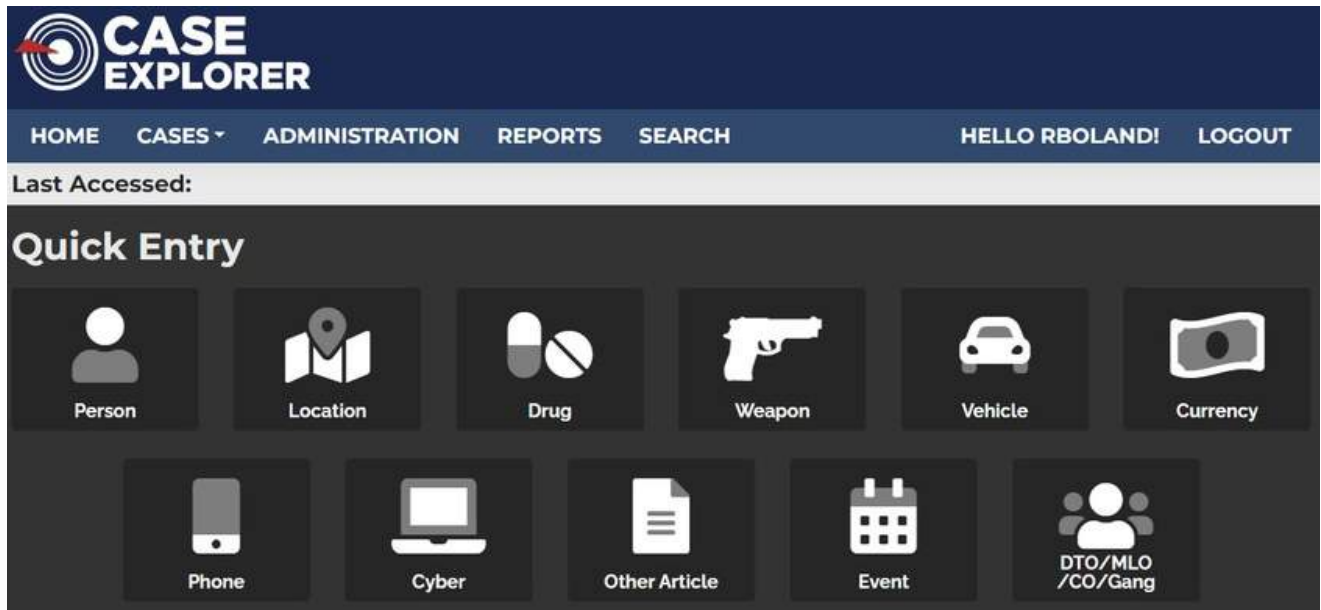
The investigation culminated in simultaneous search and arrest warrants executed by multiple law enforcement organizations on six residences and two businesses in Northern Virginia. Eight gang members were arrested, and a trove of evidence was seized during the takedowns, to include cocaine, 25 firearms, and distribution paraphernalia. The entire investigation yielded the **seizure of four kilograms of cocaine, 5.5 pounds of psychedelic mushrooms, drug paraphernalia indicative of distribution (pipes, scales, and packaging materials), 12 rifles, eight handguns, five shotguns, thousands of rounds of miscellaneous firearms ammunition, high-end jewelry worth over \$75,000, and over \$50,000 in U.S. currency.**



The NVGI case team included members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Virginia State Police, and the Prince William County Police Department.

CASE EXPLORER

CE is a web-based tool that provides event and target deconfliction, case management, and investigative data matching. In addition to increasing officer safety and operational safety, this tool is provided free-of-charge to all law enforcement. CE supports the entry of case data, criminal intelligence, and unconfirmed tip data. It complies with CALEA Standard 46.3.8 Event Deconfliction Standards.



Recognized as one of three nationwide deconfliction services, CE software interfaces with other event deconfliction systems to provide nationwide event deconfliction. It also works with the HIDTA Performance Management Process (PMP) Program, the nationally-recognized Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP) through ODFORM, and the National Case Coordination System (NCCS) to streamline data entry, allowing law enforcement to enter data in one system and perform deconfliction.

Through the use of Case Explorer, W/B HIDTA initiatives deconflicted shared contacts involving 86 drug trafficking and/or money laundering organizations; and over 1,950 events.

4,797

CASE EXPLORER USERS
NATIONWIDE

1,530

UNIQUE PARENT AGENCIES
USING CASE EXPLORER

313,389

INVESTIGATIVE MATCHES
NATIONWIDE

85,314

EVENTS DECONFLICTED
NATIONWIDE

NATIONAL CASE COORDINATION SYSTEM (NCCS)

A Major Milestone in Law Enforcement Collaboration, Interoperability and Investigative Intelligence Sharing



The National Case Coordination System (NCCS) is a new, jointly-developed national deconfliction and case coordination capability created through a partnership between the W/B HIDTA and the Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS). NCCS enables real-time information exchange between Case Explorer and RISSIntel to identify overlapping investigations, enhance officer safety, reduce duplicative work, and support coordinated enforcement across all HIDTA regions. Built and deployed in 2025, NCCS represents a significant national advancement in law-enforcement collaboration, interoperability, and investigative intelligence sharing.

NCCS reflects and builds upon years of discussion within the Nationwide Deconfliction Council (including the El Paso Intelligence Center, Regional Intelligence Sharing System, W/B HIDTA, and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration) regarding the need for a national case coordination capability. The effort has brought the shared vision into an operational reality through a focused partnership between RISS and the W/B HIDTA.

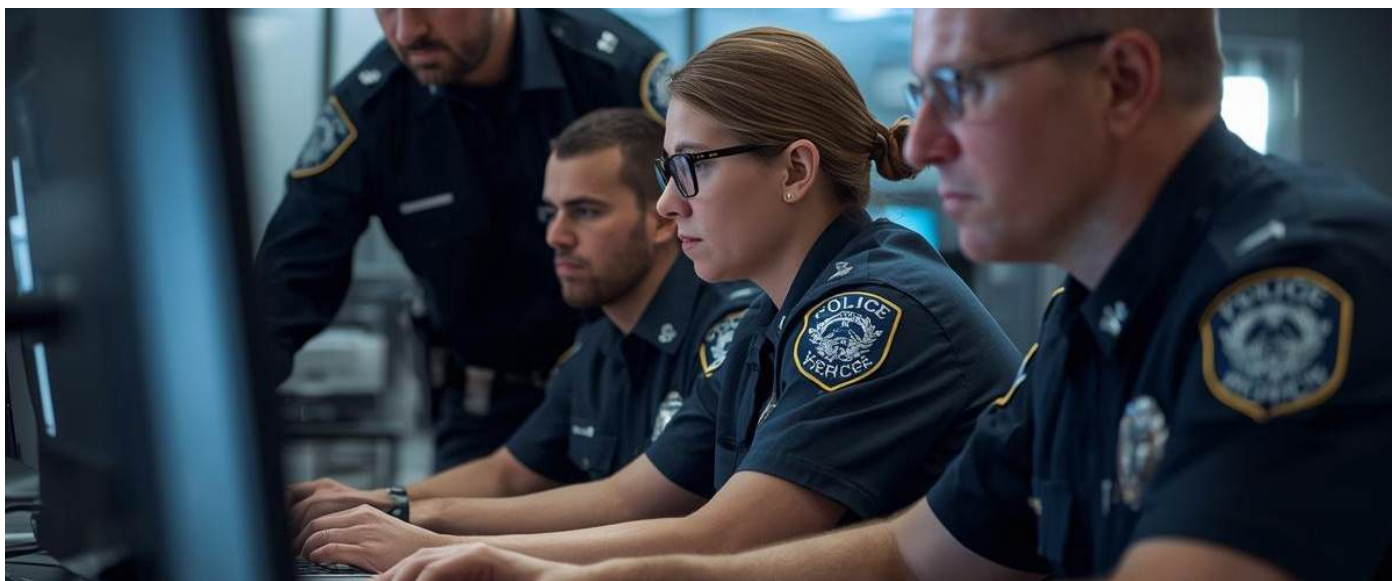
The primary benefits of the NCCS include:

Enhanced Officer Safety

Prior to NCCS, law enforcement agencies often lacked awareness that other agencies were investigating targets either simultaneously in different regions, or separately with different partnering agencies. NCCS helps close this gap by automatically scanning overlapping subjects and identifiers, and returning standardized, actionable match notifications. This reduces the risk of conflicting operations, uncoordinated surveillance, and unintended encounters between investigative teams. By making this information available across both Case Explorer and RISSIntel, NCCS provides a consistent, national-level safety net which strengthens field operations and improves situational awareness across jurisdictions.

Reducing Redundancy and Improving Resource Use

NCCS helps agencies avoid duplicating investigative work by identifying case overlap early. This improves investigative efficiency, reduces redundant deployments, and lowers administrative workload.



Advanced Intelligence Sharing and Interoperability

NCCS provides national-level interoperability between Case Explorer and RISSIntel without creating a centralized repository. Structured case data—persons, identifiers, vehicles, weapons, phones, cyber data, and locations—is exchanged securely, allowing both systems to produce actionable match results.

Strengthening Multi-Jurisdictional Collaboration

NCCS supports coordination across all 33 HIDTA regions and thousands of law enforcement agencies. The system improves multi-jurisdictional case coordination, cross-regional targeting, and national-level information flow.

OVERDOSE DETECTION MAPPING APPLICATION PROGRAM (ODMAP)

The Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP) is a free, web-based tool that provides near real-time suspected overdose surveillance data across jurisdictions to support public safety and public health efforts in mobilizing an immediate response to a sudden increase or spike in overdose events. For over eight years, ODMAP has been available to government (state, local, federal, or tribal) agencies serving the interests of public safety and health.

Each agency wishing to participate signs a participation agreement designed to protect the data within the system. Once signed up, they can begin uploading data and have access to the National Map feature, which allows users to view nationwide data and built-in analytical tools (i.e., filters, pre-built charts, and the ability to add additional data layers).

“WHILE IT’S BY NO MEANS A CURE-ALL, A PROGRAM LIKE ODMAP IS PROVING TO BE A HELPFUL TOOL IN THE ONGOING BATTLE TO SAVE LOCAL LIVES. IF MORE INFORMATION CAN LEAD TO SHORTER RESPONSE TIMES AND MORE DIRECT WAYS TO FLUSH OUT THE CRIMINALS WHO ARE SPREADING THESE LIFE-SMOTHERING DRUGS, THEY’RE WORTH THE INVESTMENT.”

-Opinion: Overdose tracking program is a promising tool, Yakima (WA) Herald-Republic Editorial Board, July 31, 2025

Currently, over 5,575 agencies in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico are utilizing ODMAP. As of March 2026, over 3.45 million overdose events have been entered. Approximately 36 states and the District of Columbia have a statewide ODMAP implementation strategy, including 29 states with a statewide Application Programming Interface (API) to push data directly from their state systems to ODMAP.



5,575

AGENCIES APPROVED TO PARTICIPATE IN ODMAP

1,490

AGENCIES SUBMITTED OVERDOSE EVENTS TO ODMAP

1,382

AVERAGE NUMBER OF OVERDOSES ENTERED PER DAY

74,806

DRUG OVERDOSE SPIKE ALERTS SENT

ODMAP SPOTLIGHT: NASHVILLE, TN METRO HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Nashville Metro Health Department (NMHD) team is comprised of the Metro Nashville Police Department, Fire/EMS, Tennessee Regional Overdose Prevention Specialists, Overdose Monitoring and Response Team at the Metro Nashville Public Health Dept, local harm reduction agencies—Street Works, Next Door, Open Table, Mental Health Coop, and the Nashville Rescue Mission—and academic partners (Vanderbilt, the University of Tennessee and East Tennessee State University).



The NMHD team enters data into ODMAP through the paramedic’s electronic patient report where the report is posted in near-real time. It utilizes ODMAP in several ways to enhance its overdose response strategy. The primary application focuses on anomaly detection and confirmation—when receiving intelligence reports or observing increases through other data sources, the NMHD leverages ODMAP’s visualization capabilities to identify geographic hotspots. This ensures targeted messaging and interventions are deployed to the most affected areas. Additionally, ODMAP serves as a critical resource for informing the NMHD’s harm reduction initiatives and community partnerships. The ODMAP platform helps to identify where the majority of EMS overdose calls originate, enabling more strategic resource allocation.



Through bi-weekly meetings, the NMHD team analyzes ODMAP data to locate emerging clusters throughout the county, which directly informs its outreach event planning and resource deployment decisions. This data-driven approach proactively addresses overdose incidents before they escalate into larger public health concerns.

The NMHD’s co-response model integrates with ODMAP by transforming its approach from reactive to proactive. When ODMAP identifies clustering or focuses on spike alerts, co-response teams—comprised of law enforcement officers and behavioral health professionals, paramedics, or peer recovery specialists—can be deployed directly to identified hotspots for immediate, comprehensive intervention. These teams serve dual roles as both responders and intelligence gatherers, creating a feedback loop that enhances ODMAP data with qualitative insights about community conditions and emerging drug trends. Rather than deploying separate teams for emergency response, follow-up care, and community outreach, the co-response model consolidates these functions, making the NMHD’s ODMAP-guided resource allocation more efficient while creating a continuous cycle of intelligence gathering, analysis, and targeted intervention.

WASHINGTON/BALTIMORE HIDTA TRAINING

The W/B HIDTA funded and supported 33,178 hours of training for its law enforcement, analytical, and management resources in 2025, to include:

13,161

HOURS OF ENFORCEMENT
TRAINING TO 805
STUDENTS

6,372

HOURS OF ANALYTICAL
TRAINING TO 519
STUDENTS

13,645

HOURS OF MANAGEMENT
TRAINING TO 1,701
STUDENTS



When surveyed two months after they received the training:



93%

OF THE STUDENTS RESPONDED THAT
THE TRAINING COURSE IMPROVED THEIR
KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES
NEEDED TO PERFORM THEIR JOBS



83%

RESPONDED THAT THEY USED THE
KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES
THEY ACQUIRED IN THE TRAINING
COURSE

TREATMENT SERVICES

The W/B HIDTA invested \$2,357,267 in 2025 to support treatment services. The primary purpose of W/B HIDTA treatment funding is to support the integration of evidence-based treatment strategies into systems of care within communities across the W/B HIDTA region. Strategies are based on scientific principles of effective interventions across assessment, early intervention, treatment, and recovery components. Each treatment program is unique and is designed to meet the needs of the population it services.

W/B HIDTA funds support programs that:

- Address identified gaps in substance use prevention, early intervention, or treatment systems,
- Increase access to substance use disorder treatment in criminal/juvenile justice systems,
- Expand existing community-based substance use prevention, early intervention, or treatment strategies,
- Enhance or strengthen current strategies with additional evidence-based interventions, and
- Implement and evaluate innovative strategies to address unique prevention, early intervention, or treatment needs in HIDTA communities.



From January through December 2025, W/B HIDTA expended 2,357,267 to fund adult treatment programs that **serviced 3,241 clients**. Of those, **777 clients have successfully completed treatment so far**, and 1,889 have continued treatment into 2026. Over 55% of clients successfully completed treatment, and 18% of clients were discharged before completion. Comparatively, approximately half of U.S. states have treatment completion rates of less than 50%, according to the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration's Treatment Episodes Data Set.

W/B HIDTA TREATMENT GRANTEES:

Maryland

- Behavioral Health Leadership Institute
- Behavioral Health Systems Baltimore
- Brooke's House

West Virginia

- Berkeley County CATALIST Program
- Berkeley County Day Report Center

Virginia

- City of Alexandria
- Arlington County
- CATALIST Valley Health
- Fairfax County Alcohol Substance Abuse Services
- Fairfax County Sheriff's Department STAR 360 Program
- Northern Shenandoah Substance Abuse Coalition
- Prince William County Treatment Program
- City of Richmond

PREVENTION

The W/B HIDTA invested \$463,122 in 2025 to support prevention activities. W/B HIDTA-funded initiatives are designed to prevent the onset or escalation of substance use in youth across the region by coordinating community and local government resources to foster protective factors, decrease risk factors, build skills, and connect youth and caregivers to appropriate levels of care.

Prevention initiatives include law enforcement partnerships with schools and community organizations. A nexus has been formed among law enforcement and other public and private sector program elements, continuing effort to expand alternative funding to enhance the W/B HIDTA's prevention component.

Funding supports on one or more of the following purposes:

- Strengthening youth, parent, and teacher resiliency
- Developing social and emotional competence in youth
- Offering support, early intervention, or referral services in times of need
- Developing healthy and supportive social connections
- Providing education on parenting and child development
- Offering unique prevention services to W/B HIDTA high-risk communities based on community needs assessments
- Promoting healthy decision making

The W/B HIDTA-funded prevention initiatives are:

- Badges for Baseball
 - Richmond, VA
 - Baltimore, MD
 - Roanoke, VA
- Prince William County (VA) Prevention
- The Martinsburg Initiative, Martinsburg, WV



TREATMENT & PREVENTION SPOTLIGHT

NORTHWEST REGIONAL ADULT RECOVERY COURT PROGRAM, VIRGINIA

The Northwest Regional Adult Recovery Court Program (NRARC) provides evidence-based treatment to high-risk, high-need adults within the criminal justice system who are diagnosed with a substance use disorder. It aims to provide treatment for individuals who would not otherwise be able to access or afford it. Funding from the W/B HIDTA supports the NRARC’s goals to reduce substance use, promote recovery, reduce criminal activity, and enhance public safety through collaboration, treatment, supervision, and accountability.

Since its inception in 2016, NRARC has served 153 individuals, with 74 graduating. Recent graduation rates have reached 64% of clients. Though most clients who enter the program will report that they participated in recovery court to get out of jail, over the course of their treatment, they will identify their time in the program as an opportunity to make a positive change in their lives. Further, at graduation, clients often mention improved confidence and self-esteem. Staff observe improvements in clients’ relationships with their families, including the ability to build relationships with their children.

Virginia Tech Extension Agency provides financial classes to program participants during Phase 3—Relapse Prevention and Personal Planning. Additionally, Laurel Ridge Community College’s “Workforce Solutions” offers training in skilled trades. After completion of an orientation on Workforce Solutions, participants have had the opportunity to speak with its director.

FIVE PHASES OF NRARC

- 1 STABILIZATION
- 2 INTENSIVE TREATMENT
- 3 RELAPSE PREVENTION & PERSONAL PLANNING
- 4 CONTINUING CARE
- 5 TRANSITION



During treatment, clients enjoy opportunities to give back to the community. In the transition phase, each client picks a community service project that is meaningful to him/her, such as volunteering at the animal shelter, facilitating bingo at a retirement home, creating a garden at a local church, or hosting various fundraising drives.

“I couldn’t be more grateful for the recovery court program when I got accepted into Recovery Court. I had nothing else to lose, the only thing I had left to lose was my life, and I wasn’t ready to lose that. Obviously, I’m hard-headed and I had a few ups and downs while being in Recovery Court, but since I graduated, I have not only gotten my three daughters back in my life, I’ve gained my license back. I’ve also gained a new way of living and I couldn’t be more happy with where I am in life today and the person I’ve become and continue to become not only for myself, but also for my children. I’m beyond grateful for my opportunity to be a part of Recovery Court! It was a long road, but it was so worth it!”

- Naomi B.

Additionally, in 2025, NRARC participants helped various events, including a Recovery Court Picnic in October, an “Addicted to Hope” rally in September, and a “Walking in a Winter Wonderland” and gift drive in December. These events provide an opportunity for clients and their families to spend quality time together. Clients also form bonds with other participants, with former clients mentoring and assisting new clients.



In 2026, program staff is looking forward to growing and expanding. The treatment staff has recently increased to offer more specialized groups, such as a grief and loss group and a relationship skills group. They are excited to be able to provide for their clients’ diverse needs, and are constantly evaluating and adapting to meet those needs.

A DIVISION FOR ADVANCING PREVENTION AND TREATMENT (ADAPT)



ADAPT, a W/B HIDTA initiative, operationalizes the HIDTA Prevention Strategy, uniting HIDTA prevention programming across the Nation. It assists HIDTAs with translating, implementing, and evaluating substance use prevention strategies within their unique communities. In 2025, ADAPT provided the following, among other resources and forms of assistance:

- Numerous HIDTA Prevention Institutes which provided immersive training on the science of how relationships can be leveraged to promote youth prevention, protection, and flourishing by cultivating protective beliefs and skills in youth within the context of their trusted relationships with them
- The 2025 National HIDTA Prevention Summit, which focused on mobilizing relationship science to help youth thrive
- The provision of various technical assistance topics for HIDTA-funded programs and communities
- **The Prevention Post** quarterly newsletter that is designed to keep HIDTA communities up to date on the latest advances in prevention science, resources, events, and opportunities in the field

“ADAPT’s training and technical assistance activities have significantly enhanced our prevention work by refining our strategic focus and aligning our efforts with best practices in upstream prevention.” - HIDTA Director feedback from ADAPT Annual Survey



4,576
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ADAPT EVENTS

1,080
TOTAL HOURS
WATCHED

293
CHANNEL
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