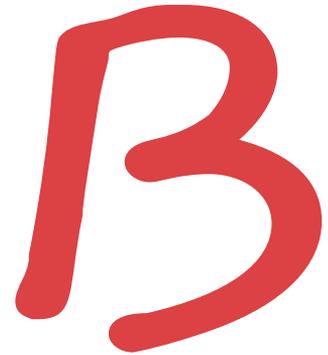


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# County of Orange

## Better than Average



Orange County should be commended for the diversity of treatment services it had in place before Prop. 36 was passed. Unfortunately, this county relies too heavily on criminal justice professionals to implement this public health initiative.



- Prop. 36 Money Given to County to Date: \$10.4 million
  - County's FY 01/02 Prop. 36 Budget: \$8.5 million (remainder unallocated to date)
- Orange County committed 89% of its Prop. 36 funds to treatment, showing a strong commitment to making this initiative work.



The Orange County Health Care Agency provides a wide range of culturally-competent treatment programs. However, as a county with one of the highest rates of heroin overdose in the state, Orange should make more of a commitment to offering methadone maintenance to treat heroin addiction.



A public health worker will complete addiction assessments, but unfortunately probation officers will take over case management duties.



Orange did not include consumers in the planning process, or have balanced representation between public health and criminal justice professionals on their implementation task force.



According to the County plan, charging guidelines were developed by the District Attorney's office. They were not, however, submitted when requested by The Lindesmith Center – Drug Policy Foundation.

# Report Card

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