

T.A.S. (Transform. Action. Strategy.) has been working with Thurston County law and justice leaders to support one component in a larger set of initiatives called "[Innovative Justice](http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/bocc/docs/law-and-justice-council/innovative-justice-map.pdf)" (<http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/bocc/docs/law-and-justice-council/innovative-justice-map.pdf>). The specific project T.A.S. is helping with is called ***Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion, or Thurston County LEAD.***

King County has demonstrated success their [LEAD](http://leadkingcounty.org/) program (<http://leadkingcounty.org/>). Thurston County officials are impressed with the demonstrated success of the program and have sincere interest and commitment from key stakeholders to create a diversion pathway in Thurston County, based on the Seattle LEAD model. Diversion in this project shall be defined as pre-booking street level diversion from the criminal justice system by a law enforcement officer who has detained or arrested someone based on probable cause that the person committed a crime.

What is the Project Scope?

The scope of this project is to convene, design, plan, and prepare for a pilot of a law enforcement assisted diversion pathway in Thurston County. Phase I, and the purpose of this project, is to take the first step towards the partnership between the law enforcement contact, LEAD Evaluation Team, and justice system to establish one of many possible pathways for use of law enforcement diversion. This span of the control crosses multiple jurisdictions and will be co-designed with active participation of the planning team.

Who is involved in the Project?

There are two 'levels' in the project structure; the Policy Makers and the Planning Team representing the following jurisdictions: ***Thurston County Prosecuting Attorney, Office of Public Defense, Thurston County Sheriff's Office, Thurston / Mason Behavioral Health Organization and the City of Lacey Police Department.***

The governing body or "***Policy Makers***" for Thurston Co. LEAD project are the division heads of each of the jurisdictions noted above. Their responsibilities include resourcing project, review, comment and approval on project deliverables, decision making, quality assurance and external project communications. They meet on a monthly basis.

The "***Planning Team***" are the subject matter experts in the area of the project, and also includes contracted mental health provider, jail management and communications experts. Their responsibilities include creating all project deliverables, design of the proposed process map and development of the associated business rules supporting the LEAD program.

T.A.S. (Transform. Action. Strategy.) serves as the Project Manager and the process facilitator to the LEAD Project.

What is a process map?

A process map visually describes the flow of activities of a process. A process flow can be defined as the sequence and interactions of related process steps, activities or tasks that make up an individual process, from beginning to end. Standard symbols are used within a process map to describe key process elements. Source: <https://www.bizmanualz.com>

