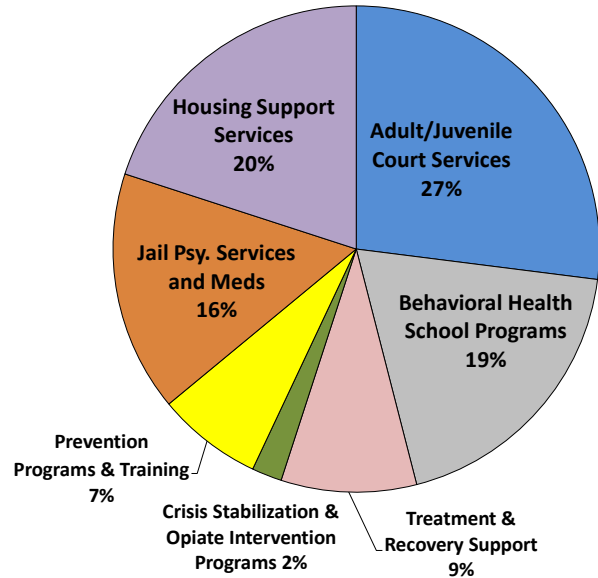




# Whatcom County Behavioral Health Funds

## Annual Report 2016

### Service Expenditures for 2016 Percentage by Service Area



**Total \$3,336,703** (see back for budget details)

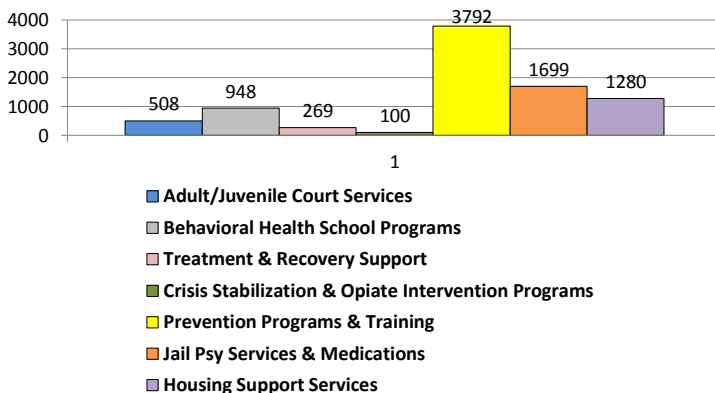
### MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Whatcom County has been fortunate to support many behavioral health services with dedicated local sales taxes. This stable source of funding has provided support to our school-aged youth, young families, and individuals experiencing distress. Additionally, dollars have been dedicated to various specialty court programs that offer alternatives to incarceration and provide opportunities for people to change their lives and become law-abiding citizens who contribute to their community.

Treatment for behavioral health disorders works. The programs supported with these funds show encouraging outcomes. If you visit the Whatcom County Health Department website and look for "Behavioral Health", you can read reports on some of the great programs funded with your tax dollars.

You will note that our 2016 expenses fell below our projected budget. This was a result, in part, of other funding that became available for some of the programs. These saved local dollars will be reinvested into future programming opportunities.

### People Served by Program Area



### VISION AND GOALS

Develop a comprehensive infrastructure of behavioral health care that will:

1. Provide effective recovery-oriented services that mitigate the need for individuals to default to utilization of the emergency room, hospital beds and the county jail.
2. Provide access and availability for intervention and treatment services to individuals who have limited access.
3. Promote the provision of services in natural environments in order to reduce the incidence and severity of substance use and mental health disorders.
4. Provide interventions that divert individuals with mental health and substance use disorders from the criminal justice system to more appropriate options of care.

### LOOKING AHEAD:

Whatcom County is actively working toward reducing the number of people in jail with serious mental illness who could be better served in alternative programs. Planning for the coming year will focus on the following objectives:

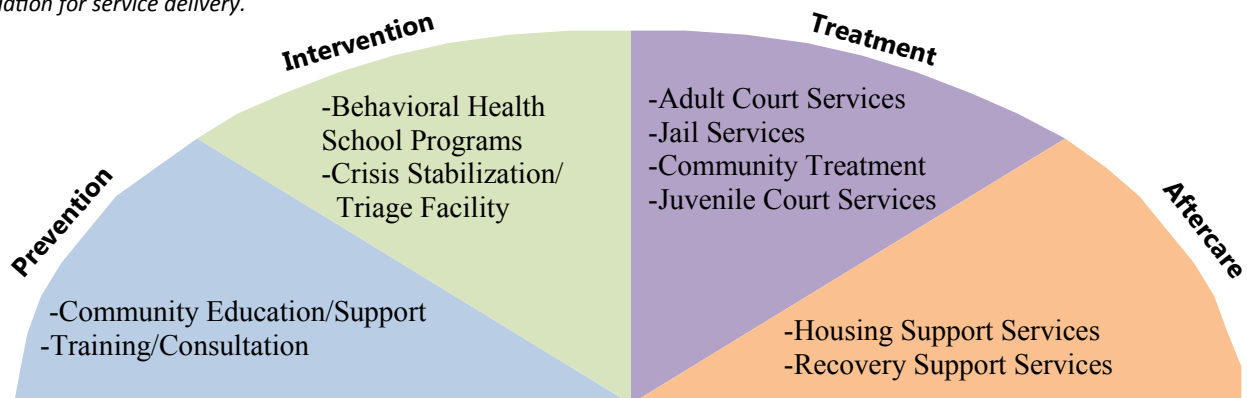
- Create a community-wide program that provides interventions early and often for adults who frequent our crisis and criminal justice systems
- Create opportunities to increase effective treatment programs for people addicted to opiates
- Solidify partner funding to construct an expansion to the existing Crisis Triage Facility

# Behavioral Health Sales Tax Fund Annual Report

Year Ending December 31, 2016	Revenue Collected	Expenditures
<b>Revenue</b>		
Sales Tax Collected	\$4,021,787	
Interest Earned	\$55,145	
North Sound Behavioral Health Org.	\$161,214	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$4,238,146</b>	
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Prevention		\$199,464
Behavioral Health School Programs		\$623,016
Opiate Intervention Programs		\$22,598
Training and Consultation		\$35,799
Crisis Stabilization		\$41,808
Adult Court Services		\$890,489
Juvenile Court Services		\$17,877
Jail Behavioral Health Services and Medications		\$522,384
Community Treatment		\$203,287
Housing Support Services		\$679,982
Recovery Support Services		\$100,000
<b>Program Services Total</b>		<b>\$3,336,703</b>
Direct Program Support		\$24,888
Administrative Costs		\$245,411
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>\$3,607,002</b>

## PITA Continuum

The PITA Model continues to serve as the framework for creating a comprehensive foundation for service delivery.



*Behavioral Health is essential to health!*

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