

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Who is not eligible to participate in A Way Out - McHenry County?

A: We do our very best to ensure that everyone who wishes to participate has the opportunity to do so. However, there are a few exceptions.

First, anyone under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian's consent.

Second, some participating agencies will not accept participants that are not a McHenry County resident.

Third, A Way Out-McHenry County may not accept individuals who have an active warrant/deportation order for a participant's arrest. In many cases involving active warrants, the police department will look into your case and determine the appropriate course of action.

Please be advised, however, that the appropriate course of action may be to serve the warrant.

Q: Will anyone know about my participation in A Way Out - McHenry County?

A: No. This program maintains 100% confidentiality unless you tell us otherwise.

Q: Can my loved one(s) join me in the process?

A: Yes. Your loved ones may accompany you through the process up until you arrive at a treatment facility.

Q: If I become an A Way Out-McHenry County participant and relapse before or after completing treatment, can I participate again?

A: Yes. Relapse or lapses in sobriety can be part of the recovery process. We do not view them as failures, only indicators that more treatment may be required. You will be working with the A Way Out - McHenry County navigator to determine a path back to treatment.

Q: How long does it take from the moment I arrive at a police station to begin treatment?

A: Typically, 5 to 15 hours but this answer depends on a number of circumstances:

- * Time and day of arrival at the police agency
- * Participant medical condition
- * Referral to outpatient services
- * Availability of a residential or detox program
- * Transportation, if needed

Q: What type of treatment programs can I enter?

A: A screening that uses American Society of Addiction Medicine criteria will be completed by McHenry County Crisis line. Based on the outcome you could be placed in detox, inpatient treatment, partial hospitalization, intensive outpatient or within a peer support program. Medication assisted treatment (MAT) is also an option. Any treatment location may require additional assessment to ensure proper placement in their program.

No level or specific provider of care can be guaranteed.



A Way Out
McHenry County

**FOR THOSE STRUGGLING
WITH
ADDICTION,
THEIR FRIENDS,
FAMILIES
AND CAREGIVERS**

**Are you addicted to heroin,
opioids, alcohol, or other
drugs? Know someone who is?
It's time to get help.**



A Way Out - McHenry County

Drug and alcohol overdose/toxicity are leading causes of death in Illinois. To help reduce the number of fatal and nonfatal overdoses in McHenry County and alleviate the many individual and societal harms caused by substance abuse, the McHenry County Substance Abuse coalition and the McHenry County State's Attorney's Office, in cooperation with local police agencies, Northwestern Medicine Woodstock Hospital and the McHenry County Mental Health Board, are actively taking a step toward assisting individuals who request help with confronting and overcoming their addictions by connecting users to substance abuse treatment providers.

How It Works

A Way Out - McHenry County offers substance abuse assessment 24/7 to anyone in McHenry County that wishes to seek recovery. Appropriate inpatient or outpatient referral and placement are determined by assessment and based on availability. All a participant needs to do is follow these steps:

1. Walk through the main doors of any of the participating police departments.
2. Second, Tell the clerk at the reception window that you are here to participate in *A Way Out - McHenry County*. If you are seeking help after open lobby hours, use the call box on the wall and tell dispatch you want to participate in *A Way Out - McHenry County*.

3. The police department representative will meet with you and take you and/or your loved ones through the on-boarding process, which includes filling out a waiver and program forms. If you are in possession of any illegal or legal drugs or drug paraphernalia, the representative will take them from you. **You will not be arrested or charged for any drugs or drug paraphernalia turned over.**
4. A) If the police determine you do not require immediate medical attention you will be transported to Northwestern Medicine Woodstock Hospital for an assessment of your treatment needs.
B) If you are going through acute withdrawal or suffering a medical condition that requires immediate medical assistance, you will be transported to the nearest hospital and the screening process will begin when you are stabilized.
5. The assessment of your treatment needs will include a history of your use as well as current medical, social and emotional issues which may impact your recovery. You may be referred to inpatient, outpatient or community based treatment options. This program uses treatment services throughout Illinois and placement in McHenry County is not guaranteed. Family and friends are the best transportation but other options are also available. Medical transport by ambulance, if needed, is the patient responsibility.
6. If you are unable to pay for treatment due to lack of insurance or financial resources, you will not be turned away from participation. *A Way Out - McHenry County* works with providers that are able to accept a number of different insurance plans and accommodate those without insurance. The McHenry County Mental Health Board may provide assistance, while funds are available, when additional paperwork is completed.

A Way Out Navigator

The navigator works with individuals in the program and continues to work with them even if they change their mind about treatment. Unfortunately, there are times when there is no availability in the appropriate treatment and the navigator will work with you for both community support and placement to treatment when it becomes available.

Participating Police Departments

<i>Cary</i>	(847) 639-2341
<i>Crystal Lake</i>	(815) 459-2020
<i>Fox River Grove</i>	(847) 639-2411
<i>Harvard</i>	(815) 943-4431
<i>Hebron</i>	(815) 648-2351
<i>Holiday Hills</i>	(815) 385-2828
<i>Huntley</i>	(847) 515-5311
<i>Island Lake</i>	(847) 526-8764
<i>Johnsburg</i>	(815) 385-6024
<i>Lake In The Hills</i>	(847) 658-5676
<i>Lakemoor</i>	(815) 385-4111
<i>Lakewood</i>	(815) 459-3025
<i>Marengo</i>	(815) 568-7231
<i>McCullom Lake</i>	(815) 338-2141
<i>McHenry Co. Sheriff</i>	(815) 334-2144
<i>McHenry</i>	(815) 363-2200
<i>Prairie Grove</i>	(815) 455-3918
<i>Richmond</i>	(815) 338-2144
<i>Spring Grove</i>	(815) 675-2596
<i>Wonder Lake</i>	(815) 728-0535