



PENNSYLVANIA OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

LAW ENFORCEMENT TREATMENT INITIATIVE

# What is LETI?

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- LETI is a Law Enforcement Treatment Initiative created by former Pennsylvania Attorney General, now Governor Joshua Shapiro in conjunction with former Strategic Initiatives Operator, Dr. Janene Holter.
- LETI is a partnership between the Office of Attorney General (OAG) and the District Attorney's (DA) office. It is a county wide DA ran policy that enables the community and law enforcement officials to help individuals suffering from a substance use disorder (SUD) become connected to the treatment and services they require.

# Understanding LETI:

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- Though the LETI program, there are different tracks available and left to the District Attorney's discretion.
  - Track ONE – Anyone can make a referral for someone with substance use disorder (SUD) to obtain treatment; members of the community, faith based practices, mere encounters by law enforcement.
  - Track TWO – Law Enforcement makes a referral in lieu of charges. This track is solely at police discretion and may need approved through your internal chain of command.
  - Track THREE – Prosecutors from the district attorney's office have the option to make a referral to LETI. This is a post arrest alternative for furthering criminal prosecution. A waiver of rights will be completed by the individual understanding that a completion of treatment is necessary.
  - Track FOUR – Any LETI referrals will not discredit an individual for being eligible for specialty court; drug treatment court, mental health court, veterans court etc.

# Determining Success

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What is a successful LETI referral?

- Any referral.

How long do we give someone to determine if as law enforcement are satisfied with progress?

- Police discretion. LETI suggestion is 90-120 days.

# Why LETI?

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- Gives community and law enforcement the opportunity to help someone that may not help themselves.
- LETI helps you stand with someone who is seeking resources to make a call.
- LETI breaks down stigma barriers; “If the only tool you have is a hammer, it is tempting to treat everything as if it were a nail” – Abramham Maslow, 1966.
- Everyone that needs treatment will be given help regardless of their ability to pay.

# The LETI Partnership:

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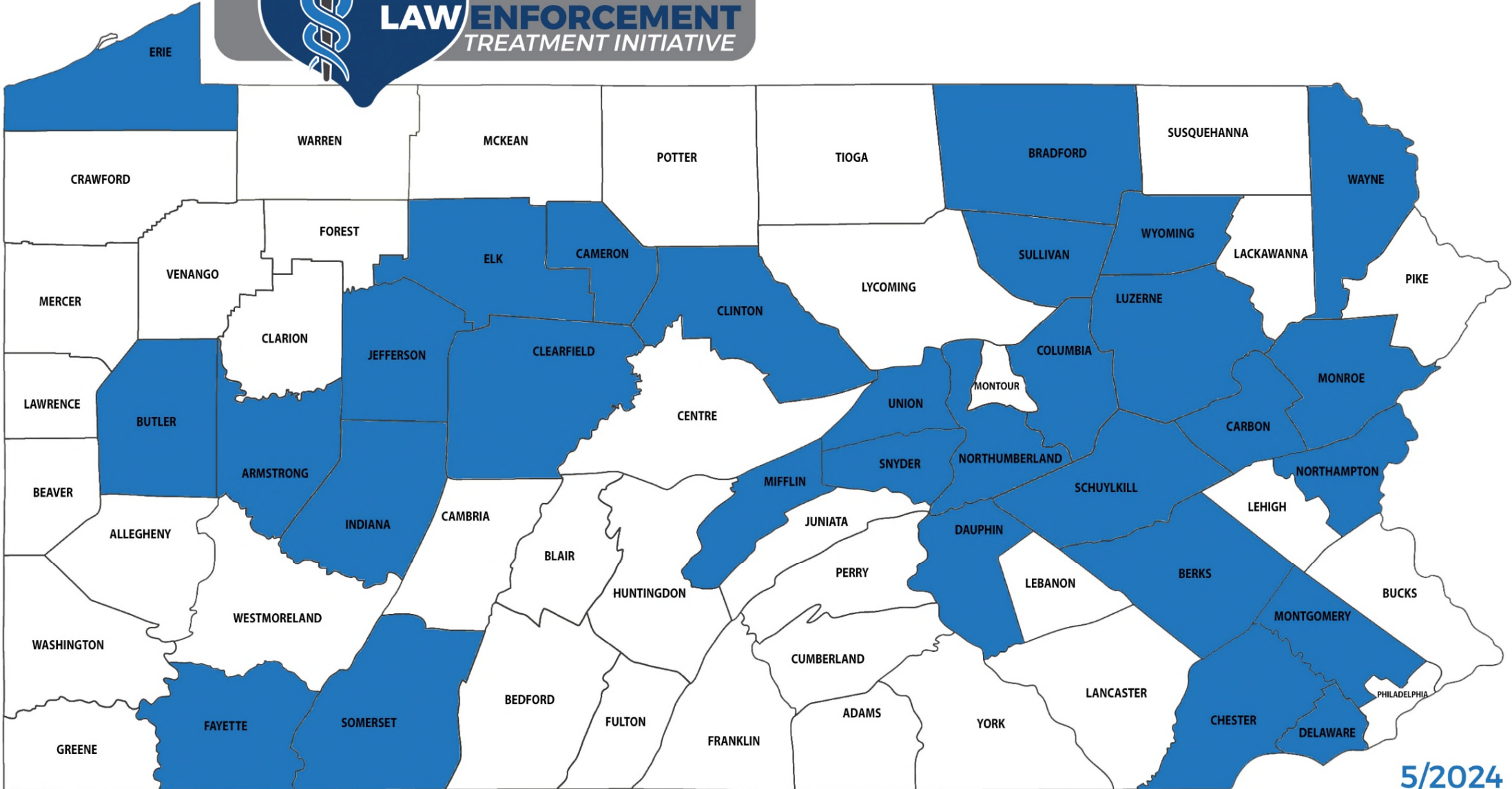
- OAG will create a LETI policy with the DA, Drug & Alcohol (SCA), and community stakeholders with tracks that best suit the county needs. Taking into consideration many different factors for the policy to be sustainable. The policy is fluid and can be revised at any point.
- Training and training materials are provided by the OAG on LETI policy.
- Continued working relationship with LE & the SCA after the policy is approved.

# Why LETI works:

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- People do not understand the services their single county authority (SCA) can offer them along with continuance of care and case management.
- Stigma is still present in many areas concerning substance use.
- The ability and acceptance to walk into a police station, courthouse, school or any other office to ask for a LETI referral without consequences.





# Bring LETI to your county!



- Interested in a Law Enforcement Treatment Policy in your county?
- If you think this would be a great policy in your county, please share my contact information.
- Please feel free to reach out to me at anytime if you have questions.



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