

Criminal Justice:  
Moving beyond  
diversion to deflection

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- Advocate for your issues “Get to know your legislator, before you need your legislator.”
  - At Capitol Lobby Days
  - In District Meetings
  - Individual stories that illustrate the data
- Wisconsin’s path to legislation and policy regarding Mental Health issues.
  - Legislative Council Study Committees – June through Dec. even years
  - Speaker’s Task Force Initiatives – As Assigned
  - University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Public Affairs - Family Impact Seminars – Two per Session



- [2013 Speaker's Task Force on Mental Health](#)
  - Establish and Train Crisis Intervention & Mobile Crisis Teams
  - Establish a Pediatric Telephone Consultation Line
  - Provide Funding and Support for Peer-Run Respite Centers
- [2015 Speaker's Task Force on Alzheimer's and Dementia](#)
  - Dementia Crisis Unit Pilot Program
  - Mobile Crisis Unit Training Funding
- [2017 Speaker's Task Force on Foster Care](#)
  - Statewide Network for Referrals to Community-Based Services
  - Limited Release of Mental Health Information to Out-of-Home Care Providers and Welfare Agencies



# Legislative Study Committees

- [Problem-Solving Courts, Alternatives and Diversions](#)
- [Supporting Healthy Early Brain Development](#)
- [Review of Emergency Detention and Admission of Minors under Chapter 51](#)



**Calendar Year 2017**  
**Wisconsin Counties and Tribes**  
**Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) Funded Programs**

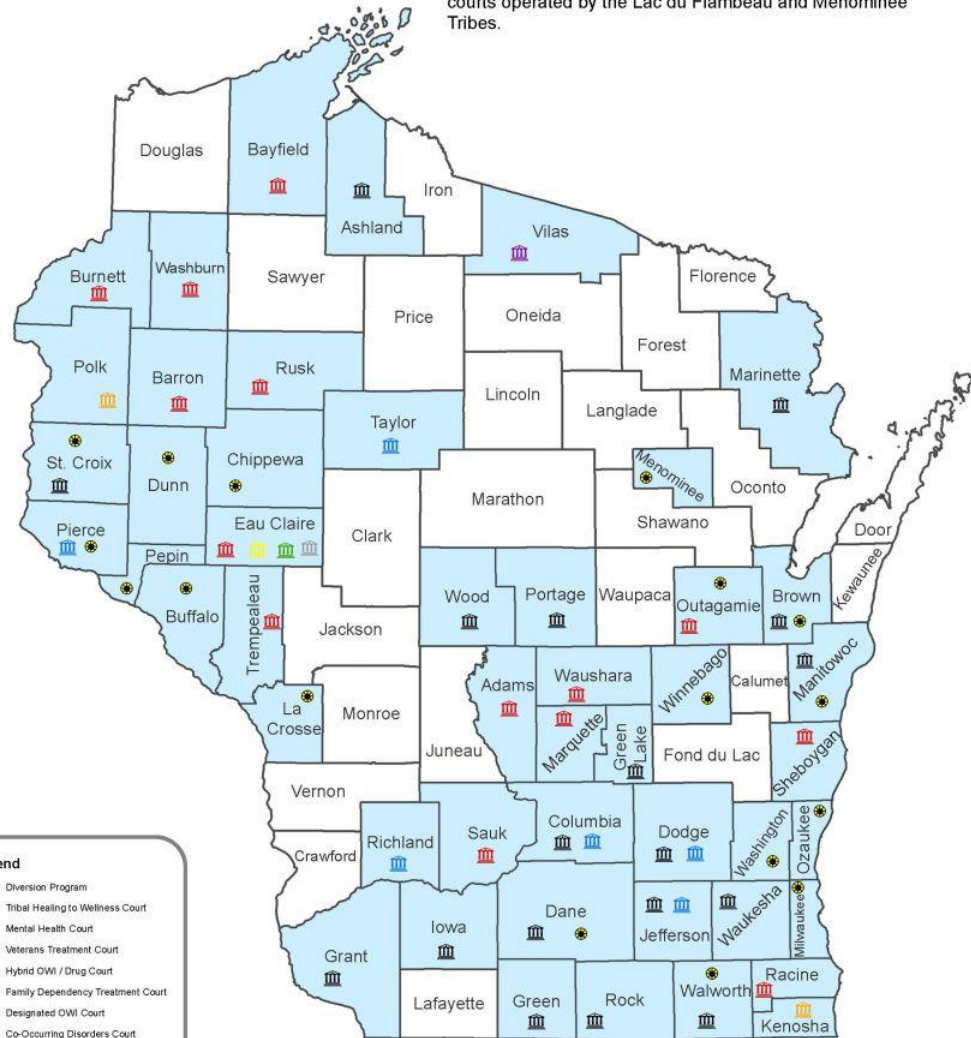
The courts in Vilas and Menominee counties represent courts operated by the Lac du Flambeau and Menominee Tribes.

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# Committee on Mental Health

## • [AB 538](#)

- Prohibits the transfer of an individual from a hospital's emergency department for emergency detention until a hospital employee or medical staff member determines the transfer is medically appropriate.
- EMTALA requires that anyone entering an emergency department must be stabilized and treated regardless of their insurance status or ability to pay.
- Specifies the actions that satisfy the duty to warn of the dangerousness of a person, and provides immunity from civil and criminal liability for actions taken in good faith to warn of dangerousness.

## • [AB 517](#)

- Gives people the option to indicate an invisible disability on a driver's license and vehicle registration.

