

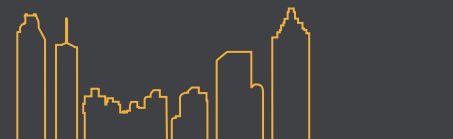


POLICING
ALTERNATIVES
& DIVERSION
INITIATIVE

Monthly Report

February 2022

*A NEW APPROACH
TO COMMUNITY SAFETY
& WELLNESS*



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The Policing Alternatives & Diversion Initiative works to reduce arrest and incarceration of people experiencing extreme poverty, problematic substance use, or mental health concerns, and increase the accessibility of supportive services in Atlanta and Fulton County.

THE TOP LINE: FEBRUARY 2022

34
POLICE
DIVERSIONS

70
REQUESTS
THROUGH ATL311

43
NEW PARTICIPANTS
ENROLLED

TESTIMONIAL

“A year ago, my Care Navigator picked me up from the Fulton County Jail and told me about the PAD program. I was released with no money or support, and PAD sounded too good to be true. Now, I have a driver’s license, a car, my own apartment, and have reconnected with family. I’m so grateful.” —*Norman*

Norman was referred to PAD from the Fulton County Public Defender’s Office. He was incarcerated at the Fulton County Jail for a parole violation, where he was not eligible for release because he was unhoused and had nowhere to go. Because he had ongoing contact with the criminal legal system and struggled with problematic drug use, the Public Defender’s Office referred Norman to PAD. We worked to ensure his release from jail, and enrolled him as a PAD participant. He was assigned a Care Navigator, who worked closely with him to achieve his goals.



Law Enforcement Assisted Diversions (LEAD)

34 POLICE DIVERSIONS

8 PAD attempts

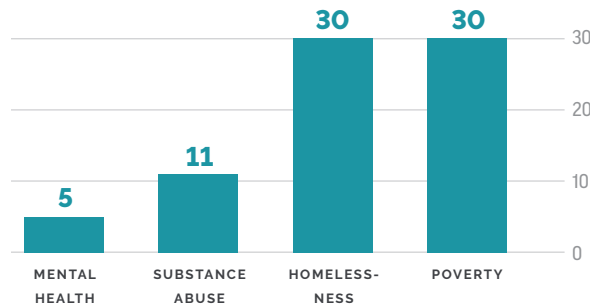
Diversions received from:

36 **1** **0**
APD **MARTA PD** **GA TECH PD**

PAD accepts diversion referrals from Atlanta Police Department, MARTA police officers, and Georgia Tech police officers who have probable cause to arrest an individual and identify that there is a need related to substance use, mental health, or extreme poverty.

The Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion initiative, or LEAD, is a collaboration between PAD and the Atlanta Police Department, MARTA Police Department, City of Atlanta Public Defender's Office, City of Atlanta Solicitor's Office, Fulton County Public Defender's Office, Fulton County Solicitor General's Office, and Fulton County District Attorney's Office.

Concerns at the time of diversion

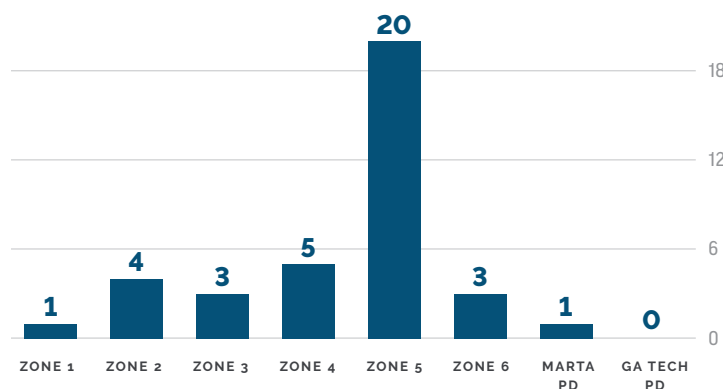


Diversions often include multiple concerns.

CHARGES AT THE TIME OF DIVERSION

- Criminal trespassing: **21**
- Urban camping: **5**
- Shoplifting: **5**
- Urinating in public: **2**
- Public indecency: **1**
- Soliciting: **4**
- Driving w/ suspended license: **1**
- Possession of Drug-Related Object: **1**
- Pedestrian in Roadway: **3**
- Disorderly Conduct: **2**
- Public Intoxication: **5**
- Possession of Marijuana: **1**
- Vandalism: **1**
- Open Container Within 100 Feet of Package Store: **1**

By zone/agency



TYPICAL TIME OF DIVERSION

50% or more of diversions happened during this time range:

Zone 1: 10 AM – 11 AM

Zone 2: 12 PM – 2 PM

Zone 3: 10 AM – 3 PM

Zone 4: 8 AM – 12 PM

Zone 5: 10 AM – 2 PM

Zone 6: 10 AM – 11 AM

APD Out of Jurisdiction: No diversions in February

MARTA: 1 PM – 2 PM

GA Tech: No diversions in February

Community Response Services

70 REFERRAL REQUESTS

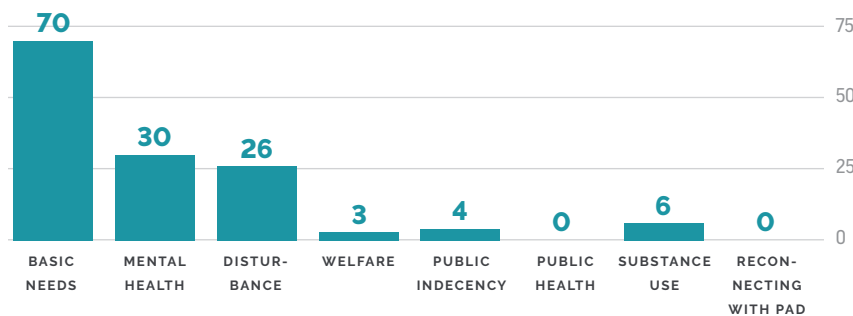
Excludes duplicate and ineligible calls

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REFERRING OTHERS

1
REFERRING SELF

Community members in Atlanta can call 311 regarding issues of community concern related to behavioral health or poverty. Our Harm Reduction team responds to the referral request and offer individuals short-term care navigation, stabilizing supports, and warm referrals to other service providers.

Top 311 Caller Concerns

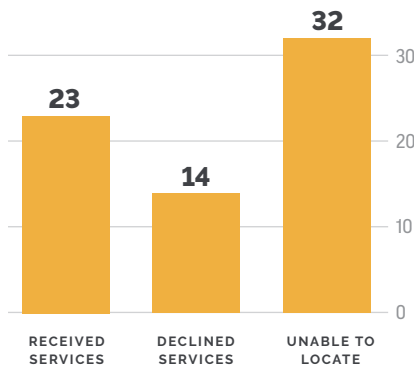


Callers can identify multiple concerns.

RESPONSE STATISTICS

- **68** referral requests were designated as an immediate response, with an average response time of 62.89 minutes.
- **5** requests were designated as outreach requests.
- **2** requests were provided with resources by PAD staff over the phone.

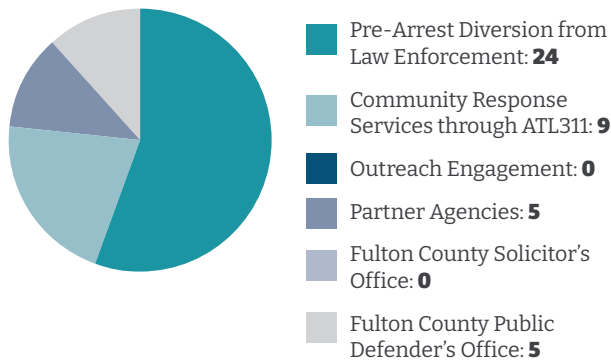
Response Outcomes



Care Navigation

43 NEW PARTICIPANTS

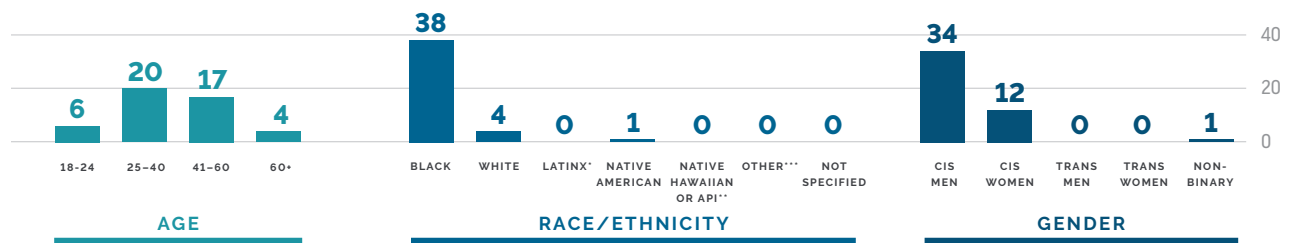
354 TOTAL PARTICIPANTS CURRENTLY ENROLLED



PAD provides direct services to individuals that are focused on reducing the activities that lead to police contact and address quality of life concerns in a way that honors the dignity and self-determination of the referred individual. Our direct services include:

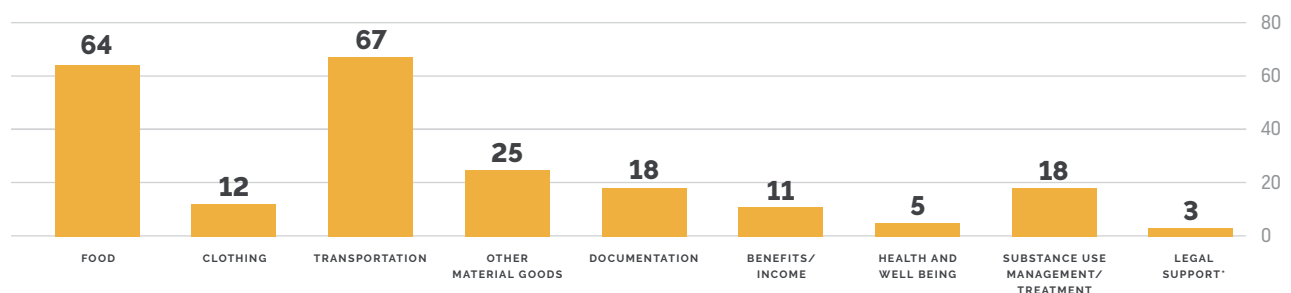
- o **Immediate Shelter & Basic Needs:** People are offered emergency shelter, transportation and food assistance.
- o **Linkage to Care:** People are supported with care navigation, and connected to service providers for identification documents, recovery support, employment, and other services.

Enrollment by age, race/ethnicity, and gender



*People who are Latinx may be of any race. **API = American Pacific Islander ***Other = two or more.

Services provided



*excluding anyone who is discharged

Care Navigation *cont.*



- **Active participants: 246**
Active within 30 days
- **Active outreach participants: 75**
Has had contact within the last 90 days
- **Participants approaching advancement: 0**
Participants in the 60 day maintenance period before someone who is active and progressing with goals gets advanced
- **Inactive Participants: 33**
Has not had contact in the last 90 days

Our participants have reconnected with family members, started working, secured name changes and disability benefits, and resolved longstanding legal issues that had prevented them from moving forward.

Participant goals achieved



HOUSING SERVICES

- Provided emergency housing: **44**
- Placed in transitional housing: **25**
- Placed in supportive housing: **19**
- Place in treatment center for 90 days: **20**
- Place in veteran affairs supportive housing: **0**
- Place in permanent supportive housing: **1**
- Placed in shelter: **10**

ARRESTS IN THE YEAR PRIOR FOR APD DIVERSIONS

Of 34 new people diverted or referred to PAD in February:

- **11** were arrested or cited 16x in the year prior to PAD participation
 - **5** people 1x each on city charges
 - **1** person 4x in on city charges
 - **1** person 1x on city charges and 1x on county charges
 - **3** people 1x each on county charges
 - **1** person 2x on county charges
- **22** were not arrested or cited in the year prior to PAD

LEGAL NAVIGATION

Of 250 participants who have been with PAD 6+ months:

- **243** were not arrested or cited during the month of February
- **7** were arrested or cited during the month of February:
 - **3** people arrested once each – 2 on city charges and 3 on county charges
 - **2** people cited once each on city charges
 - **1** person cited twice
 - **1** person cited once and arrested on city charges

Cases closed with PAD support during February: **0**