

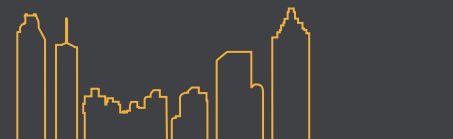


POLICING
ALTERNATIVES
& DIVERSION
INITIATIVE

Monthly Report

March 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: MARCH 2022

44
POLICE
DIVERSIONS

102
REQUESTS
THROUGH ATL311

53
NEW PARTICIPANTS
ENROLLED

TESTIMONIAL

In March 2021, a community member made a referral to PAD after someone knocked on their door in distress. Upon arriving to the scene, the PAD team learned the man's name was Reco. Because he had ongoing contact with the criminal legal system, Reco qualified to become a PAD participant and was paired with a Care Navigator. Over the course of the year, Reco and his Care Navigator, Caroline, worked closely together, and this month, Reco achieved a major personal goal. He signed a lease for an apartment! The apartment complex provides Permanent Supportive Housing, which is a proven strategy to addressing homelessness that combines affordable housing with supportive services. We are thrilled to celebrate this achievement with Reco!



Law Enforcement Assisted Diversions (LEAD)

44 POLICE DIVERSIONS

8 DIVERSION ATTEMPTS 4 PAD RE-REFERRALS

Includes individuals who are referred more than once to PAD

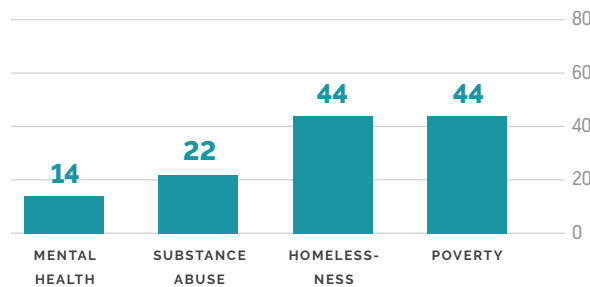
Diversions received from:

43 **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

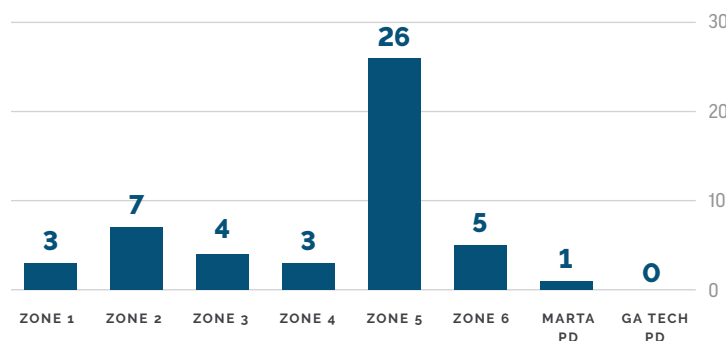


Diversions often include multiple concerns.

CHARGES AT THE TIME OF DIVERSION

- Criminal Trespass: **13**
- Solicitation: **1**
- Damage to Property: **1**
- Defecating in Public: **1**
- Disorderly Conduct: **2**
- Drinking in Public: **7**
- Fare Evasion: **1**
- Panhandling: **6**
- Pedestrian in Roadway: **2**
- Possession of Drug Related Articles: **2**
- Shoplifting: **1**
- Soliciting: **4**
- Theft from Auto: **1**
- Urban Camping: **4**
- Urinating in Public: **3**
- Vandalism: **1**

By zone/agency



TYPICAL TIME OF DIVERSION

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

Zone 1: 10am – 12pm

Zone 2: 1pm – 2pm

Zone 3: 12pm – 4pm

Zone 4: 9am – 12pm

Zone 5: 10am – 12pm

Zone 6: 7am – 9am

MARTA: 12pm – 1pm

GA Tech: No diversions

Community Response Services

102 REFERRAL REQUESTS

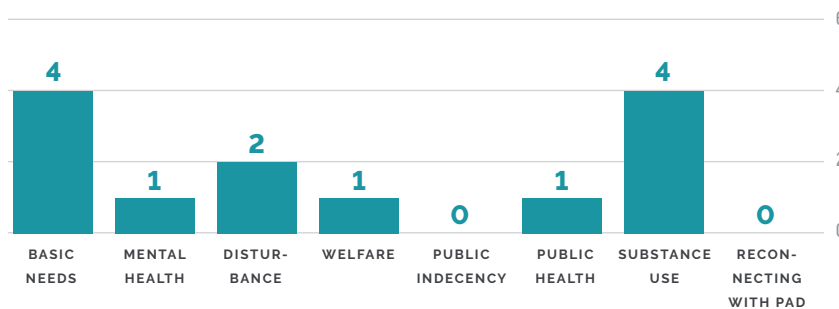
Excludes duplicate and ineligible calls

99
REFERRING OTHERS

3
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

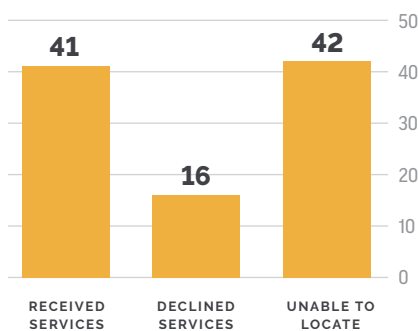


Callers can identify multiple concerns.

RESPONSE STATISTICS

- **95** referral requests were designated as an immediate response, with an average response time of 32.99 minutes.
- **2** requests were designated as outreach requests.
- **8** requests were provided with resources by PAD staff over the phone.

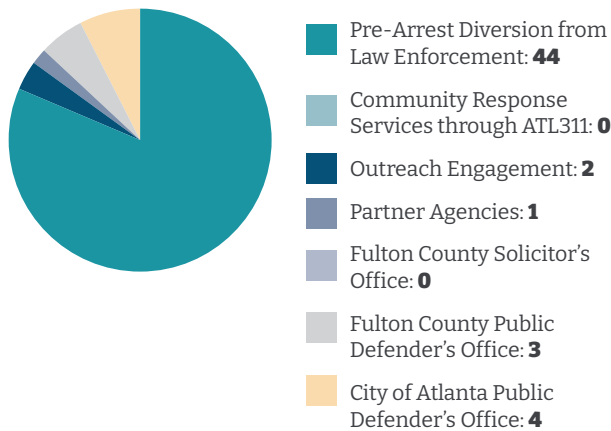
Response Outcomes



Care Navigation

54 NEW PARTICIPANTS

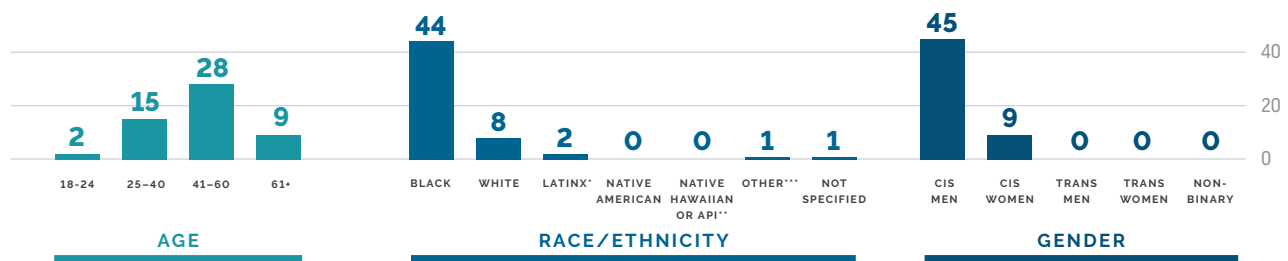
354 TOTAL PARTICIPANTS CURRENTLY ENROLLED



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:

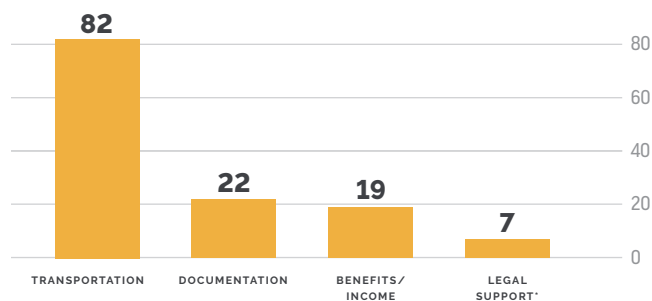
- o **Immediate Shelter & Basic Needs:** People are offered emergency shelter, transportation and food assistance.
- o **Linkage to Care:** People are supported with care navigation, and connected to service providers for identification documents, recovery support, employment, and other services.

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 OUT OF 113 PARTICIPANTS HELPED FOR MARCH



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: **48**
- Placed in transitional housing: **36**
- Placed in supportive housing: **12**
- Place in treatment center for 90 days: **13**
- Place in veteran affairs supportive housing: **0**
- Place in permanent supportive housing: **2**
- Placed in shelter: **12**

ARRESTS IN THE YEAR PRIOR FOR APD DIVERSIONS

Of 35 new people diverted or referred to PAD in March:

- **15** were arrested or cited 23x in the year prior to PAD participation
 - **8** people 1x each on city charges
 - **2** people 2x on city charges
 - **1** person 3x on city charges
 - **2** people 1x on county charges
 - **1** person 1x on city charges and 2x on county charges
 - **1** person 2x on city charges and 1x on county charges
- **20** were not arrested or cited in the year prior to PAD

LEGAL NAVIGATION

Of 285 participants who have been with PAD 6+ months:

- **276** were not arrested or cited during the month of March
- **9** were arrested or cited during the month of March:
 - **5** people arrested once each –
4 on city charges and 1 on county charges.

Cases closed with PAD support during March: **4**