

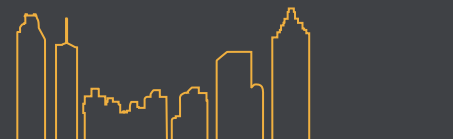


POLICING
ALTERNATIVES
& DIVERSION
INITIATIVE

Monthly Report

January 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.

PAD fosters a new approach to community safety and wellness by providing an alternative to punishing people for what they do to survive. Instead, we connect with people as people, address their basic needs, and work with them to reduce harm to themselves and their neighbors. We believe communities are safer and healthier when people have what they need to not only survive, but to thrive.

This monthly report provides an overview of PAD's services and impact in January 2022.

THE TOP LINE: JANUARY 2022

13

**POLICE
DIVERSIONS**

60

**REQUESTS
THROUGH ATL311**

23

**NEW PARTICIPANTS
ENROLLED**

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Law Enforcement Assisted Diversions (LEAD)

13 POLICE DIVERSIONS

4 PAD attempts

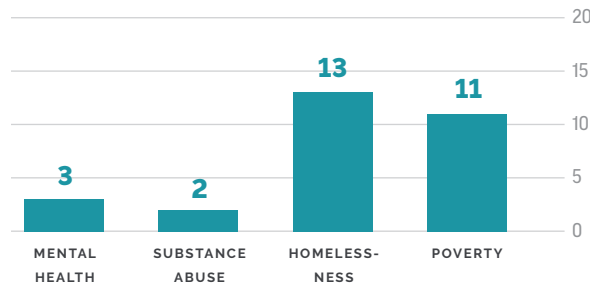
Diversions received from:

12	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

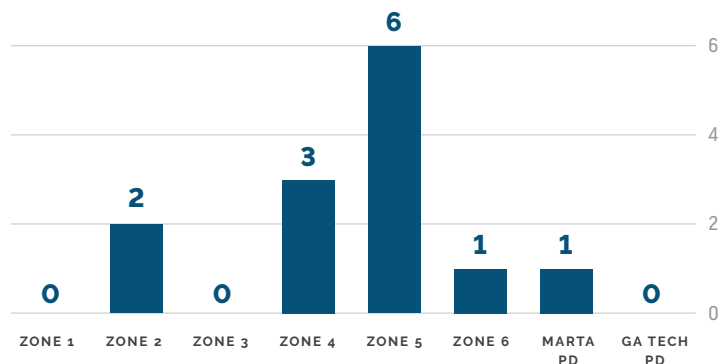


Diversions often include multiple concerns.

CHARGES AT THE TIME OF DIVERSION

- Criminal trespassing: **8**
- Urban camping: **1**
- Shoplifting: **1**
- Urinating in public: **1**
- Public indecency: **1**
- Soliciting: **1**
- Driving w/ suspended license: **1**

By zone/agency



TYPICAL TIME OF DIVERSION

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

Zone 1: No diversion in January

Zone 2: 9:30 – 10 AM

Zone 3: No diversions in January

Zone 4: 3 – 3:30 PM

Zone 5: 10:30 AM – 12 PM

Zone 6: 11 AM – 11:30 AM

APD Out of Jurisdiction: No diversions in January

MARTA: 5 PM – 5:30 PM

GA Tech: No diversions in January

Community Response Services

60 REFERRAL REQUESTS

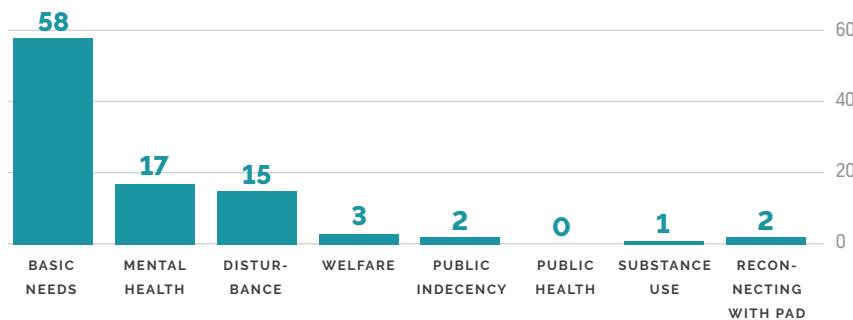
Excludes duplicate and ineligible calls

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REFERRING OTHERS

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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

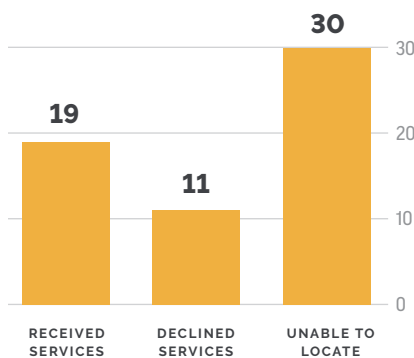


Callers can identify multiple concerns.

RESPONSE STATISTICS

- **43** referral requests were designated as an immediate response, with an average response time of 46.6 minutes.
- **11** requests were designated as outreach requests.
- **6** requests were provided with resources by PAD staff over the phone.

Response Outcomes



311 CALLER TESTIMONIAL

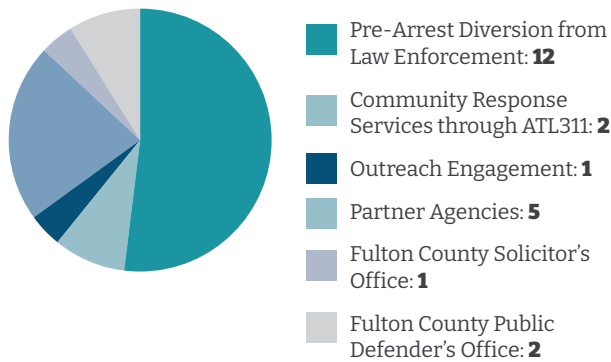


"I made a referral to PAD when I saw a woman in my neighborhood sleeping inside a car with broken windows. PAD's incredible team brought a high level of expertise but, more importantly, an overwhelming presence of dignity and compassion. PAD acts not only as an alternative to policing but a replicable model of how we effectively meet immediate needs during a crisis with dignity and humanity. Each team member is setting a precedent for how we as an individual, block, community, and city can achieve Dr. King's philosophy of Beloved Community in action, word, and deed. I believe PAD can exist as one of the ways we rewrite the narrative people think about those experiencing extreme poverty, proving yet again that Atlanta influences everything." —Donnell Woodson, Sweet Auburn Community

Care Navigation

23 NEW PARTICIPANTS

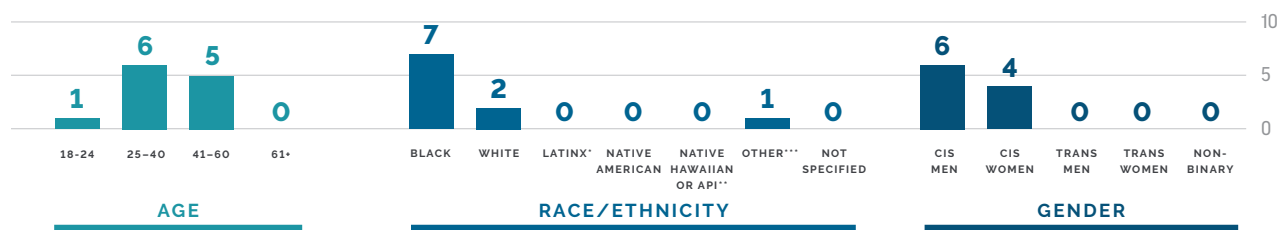
321 TOTAL PARTICIPANTS CURRENTLY ENROLLED



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:

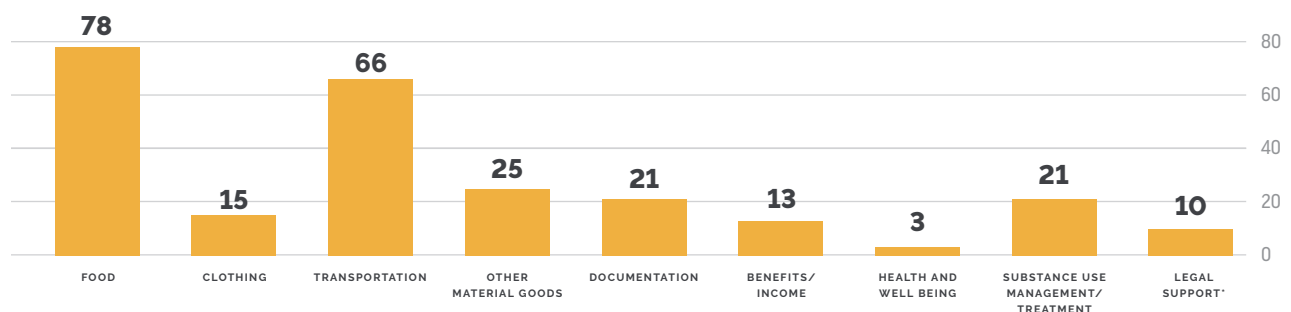
- o **Immediate Shelter & Basic Needs:** People are offered emergency shelter, transportation and food assistance.
- o **Linkage to Care:** People are supported with care navigation, and connected to service providers for identification documents, recovery support, employment, and other services.

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

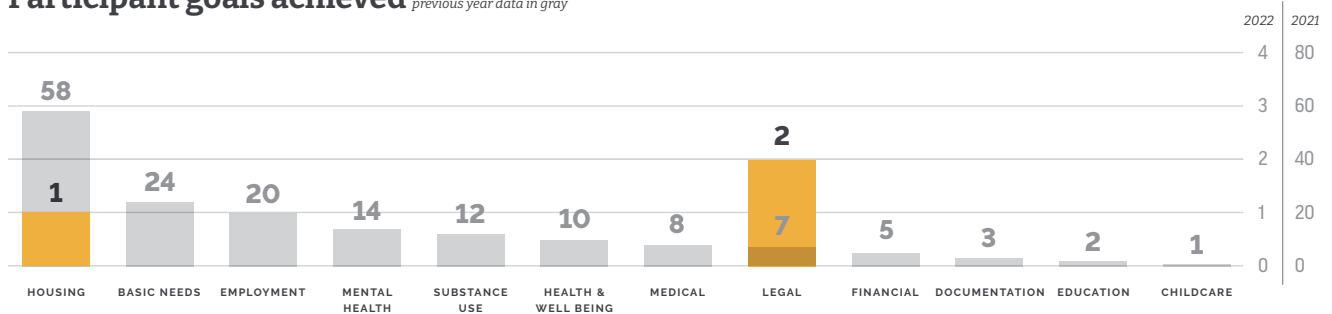
Care Navigation *cont.*



- **Active participants: 261**
Active within 30 days
- **Active outreach participants: 56**
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: 4**
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 *previous year data in gray*



ARRESTS IN THE YEAR PRIOR FOR APD DIVERSIONS

Of 16 new people diverted or referred to PAD in January:

- **3** were arrested or cited 12x in the year prior to PAD participation
 - **2** people 1x each on city charges
 - **1** person 10x on city charges
- **13** were not arrested or cited in the year prior to PAD

HOUSING SERVICES

- Provided emergency housing: **27**
- Placed in transitional housing: **45**
- Placed in supportive housing: **12**
- Place in treatment center for 90 days: **23**
- Place in veteran affairs supportive housing: **6**
- Place in permanent supportive housing: **6**
- Placed in shelter: **5**

LEGAL NAVIGATION

Of 261 participants who have been with PAD 6+ months,

- **249** were not arrested or cited during the month of January
- **12** were arrested or cited during the month of January:
 - **8** people arrested once each – 4 on city charges and 4 on state charges
 - **1** person arrested twice – once on city charges and once on state charges
 - **3** people cited – 1 person once, 1 person twice, 1 person 3x

Cases closed with PAD support during January: **3**