

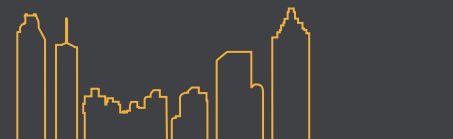


POLICING
ALTERNATIVES
& DIVERSION
INITIATIVE

Monthly Report

April 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: APRIL 2022

39

**POLICE
DIVERSIONS**

86

**REQUESTS
THROUGH ATL311**

48

**NEW PARTICIPANTS
ENROLLED**

TESTIMONIAL

“I’ve been drinking since before I was old enough to take a drink. It destroyed me to the point where I want help. It destroyed my family and my relationship with my kids. My PAD Care Navigator Ms. Devona has been my support system for getting back on track. I owe it all to her. I’ve now been to detox, I have a psychiatrist and doctor, and I feel like I’m on the road to redemption. Without PAD, I’d be in jail on minor charges instead of sitting here.”

—*Marcus, diverted to PAD in February 2022 for drinking in public*



Law Enforcement Assisted Diversions (LEAD)

39 POLICE DIVERSIONS

16 DIVERSION ATTEMPTS 5 PAD RE-REFERRALS

Includes individuals who are referred more than once to PAD

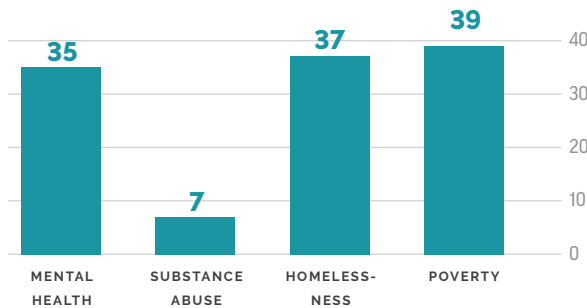
Diversions received from:

38 APD **1** MARTA PD **0** 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

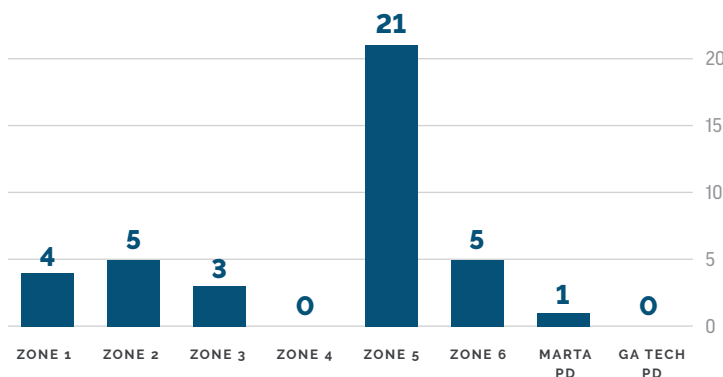


Diversions often include multiple concerns.

CHARGES AT THE TIME OF DIVERSION

- Criminal Trespass: **10**
- Disorderly Conduct: **7**
- Panhandling: **8**
- Shoplifting: **6**
- Pedestrian in Roadway: **1**
- Drinking in Public: **3**
- Possession of Drug-Related Articles: **2**
- Obstruction: **4**
- Fare Evasion: **1**
- Panhandling: **1**

By zone/agency



TYPICAL TIME OF DIVERSION

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

Zone 1: 12pm – 1pm

Zone 2: 12pm – 2pm

Zone 3: 11am – 2pm

Zone 4: NA

Zone 5: 10am – 4pm

Zone 6: 10am – 12pm

Out of Jurisdiction: NA

Marta PD: 11am – 12pm

GA Tech PD: NA

Community Response Services

86 REFERRAL REQUESTS

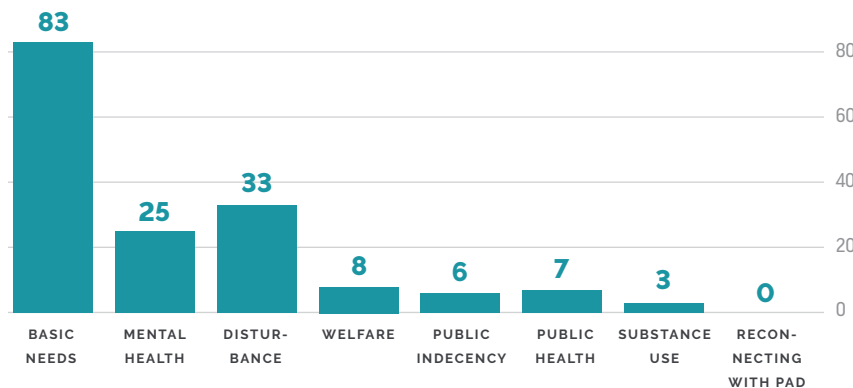
Excludes duplicate and ineligible calls

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REFERRING OTHERS

0
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

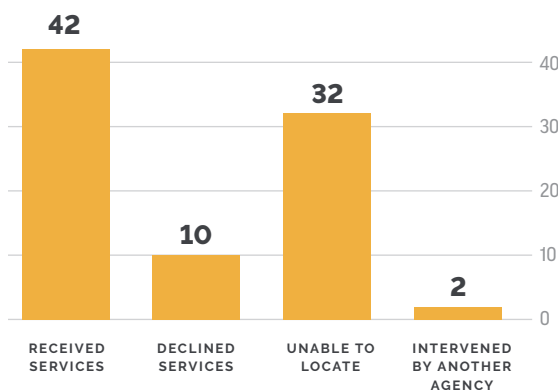


Callers can identify multiple concerns.

RESPONSE STATISTICS

- **73** referral requests were designated as an immediate response, with an average response time of 41.67 minutes.
- **9** requests were designated as outreach requests.
- **4** requests were provided with resources by PAD staff over the phone.

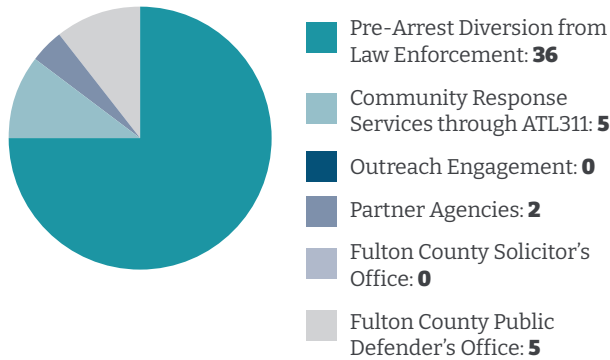
Response Outcomes



Care Navigation

48 NEW PARTICIPANTS

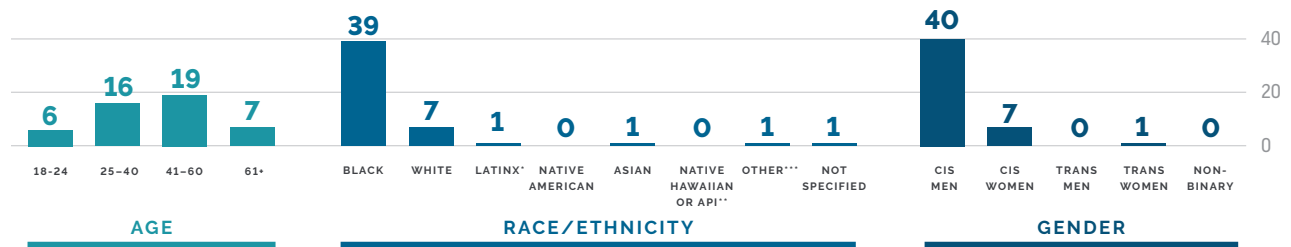
360 TOTAL PARTICIPANTS CURRENTLY ENROLLED



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:

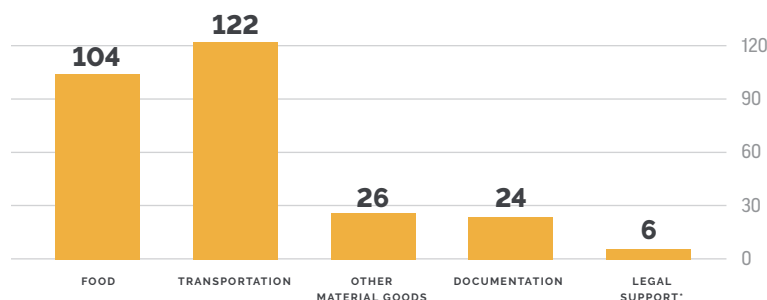
- o **Immediate Shelter & Basic Needs:** People are offered emergency shelter, transportation and food assistance.
- o **Linkage to Care:** People are supported with care navigation, and connected to service providers for identification documents, recovery support, employment, and other services.

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 135 PARTICIPANTS HELPED FOR APRIL



*excluding anyone who is discharged

Care Navigation cont.



- Active participants: **186**
Active within 30 days
- Active outreach participants: **113**
Has had contact within the last 90 days
- Participants approaching advancement: **1**
Participants in the 60 day maintenance period before someone who is active and progressing with goals gets advanced
- Inactive Participants: **60**
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: **33**
- Placed in transitional housing: **10**
- Placed in supportive housing: **1**
- Place in treatment center for 90 days: **30**
- Place in veteran affairs supportive housing: **1**
- Place in permanent supportive housing: **3**
- Placed in shelter: **6**

ARRESTS IN THE YEAR PRIOR FOR APD DIVERSIONS

Of 43 new people diverted or referred to PAD in April:

- **21** were arrested or cited 79x in the year prior to PAD participation
 - 1 person arrested 2x on city charges, 2x on city charges, and cited 1x,
 - 1 person arrested 4x on city charges,
 - 2 people arrested 3x on city charges,
 - 1 person arrested 3x on city charges,
 - 1 person arrested 2x on city charges and cited 2x,
 - 1 person arrested 2x on city charges,
 - 1 person arrested 2x on city charges,
 - 1 person arrested 1x on city charges and cited 7x,
 - 1 person arrested 1x on city charges and cited 1x,
 - 1 person arrested 1x on city charges and cited 1x,
 - 3 people arrested 1x on city charges,
 - 1 person arrested 1x on city charges,
 - 1 person cited 23x,
 - 1 person cited 8x,
 - 1 person cited 3x,
 - 3 people cited 1x; and
- **21** were not arrested or cited in the year prior to PAD

LEGAL NAVIGATION

Of 90 participants who have been with PAD 6+ months:

- **86** were not arrested or cited during the month of April
- **4** were arrested or cited during the month of April:
 - 2 people arrested once each on city charges
 - 2 people arrested once each on county charges

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

CALENDAR YEAR TO DATE

Law Enforcement Assisted Diversions (LEAD)

137 POLICE DIVERSIONS

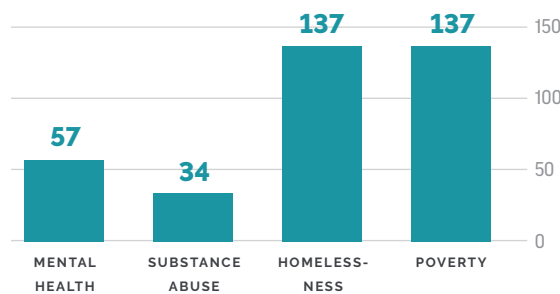
12 PAD RE-REFERRALS

Includes individuals who are referred more than once to PAD

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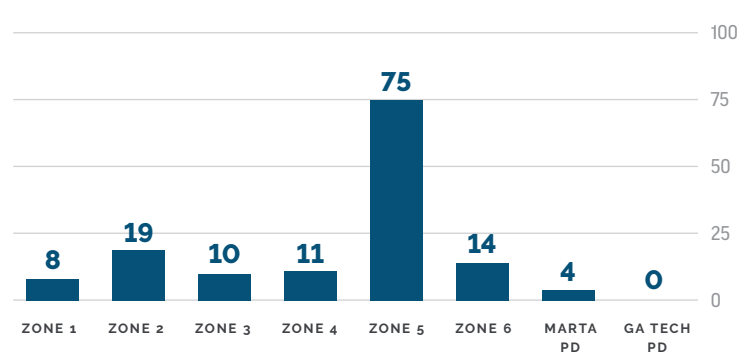
133 APD **4** MARTA PD **0** GA TECH PD

Concerns at the time of diversion



Diversions often include multiple concerns.

By zone/agency



CALENDAR YEAR TO DATE

Community Response Services

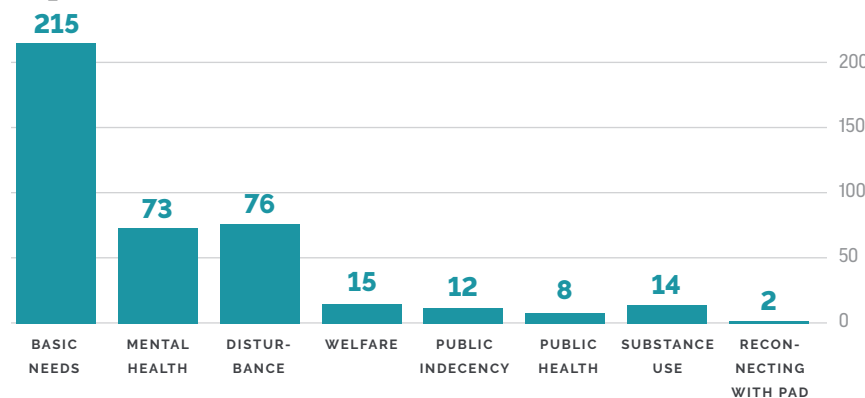
320 REFERRAL REQUESTS

Excludes duplicate and ineligible calls

315 REFERRING OTHERS

5 REFERRING SELF

Top 311 Caller Concerns



Callers can identify multiple concerns.

RESPONSE STATISTICS

- **277** referral requests were designated as an immediate response, with an average response time of 46.04 minutes.
- **24** requests were designated as outreach requests.
- **19** requests were provided with resources by PAD staff over the phone.