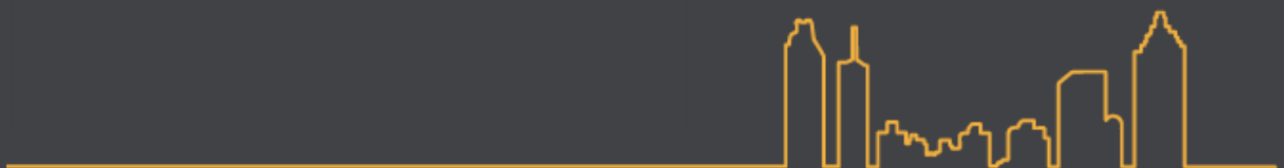




POLICING
ALTERNATIVES
& DIVERSION
INITIATIVE

Monthly Report

May 2022





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: MAY 2022

25

**Police
Diversions**

134

**Requests
Through
ATL311**

35

**New Participants
Enrolled**

Testimonial

"One day I was picking up groceries in Grant Park and noticed a commotion in the store. A woman standing next to a grocery cart of personal items was pleading with a security guard not to call 911. I stepped in and asked if I could help. She explained she was thirsty and needed somewhere to sleep. I made a referral to PAD through ATL311, and less than 20 minutes later, their response team showed up. They gave her water, a hygiene pack, and talked to her about different housing options for the night. While she wasn't ready to go with the team at that moment, they made a plan to reconnect later in the day and see if she might be ready to try out housing option at that time. Time and again I've seen PAD show up like this - with care, kindness, and humanity. They are responding to situations that are so often criminalized, further harming both our neighbors and our community at large, and instead provide care and ongoing support."

- *Sasha Friedman, Summerhill, Zone 3*



Law Enforcement Assisted Diversions (LEAD)

25 POLICE DIVERSIONS

13 DIVERSION ATTEMPTS **5** PAD RE-REFERRALS
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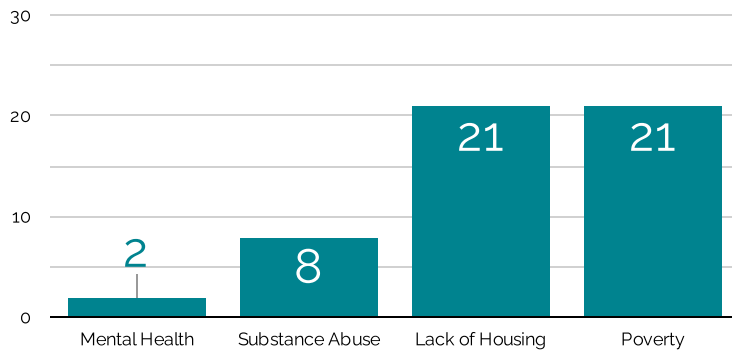
Diversions received from:

22 **1** **2**
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

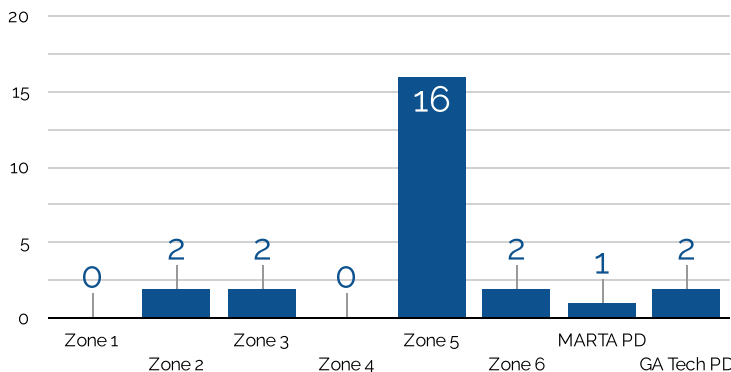


Diversions often include multiple concerns.

CHARGES AT THE TIME OF DIVERSION

1	Disorderly Conduct
1	Fare Evasion
1	Panhandling
2	Pedestrian in Roadway
1	Shoplifting
3	Urban Camping
1	Possession of Drug Related Object
7	Drinking in Public
1	Damage to Private Property
8	Criminal Trespassing

By zone/agency



TYPICAL TIME OF DIVERSION

50% or more of diversions happened during this time:

NA	Zone 1
8am - 10am	Zone 2
7am - 9am	Zone 3
NA	Zone 4
9am - 2pm	Zone 5
2pm - 5pm	Zone 6
10am - 11am	MARTA PD
1pm - 4pm	GA Tech PD



Community Response Services

134 REFERRAL REQUESTS

Excludes ineligible and duplicate calls.

133

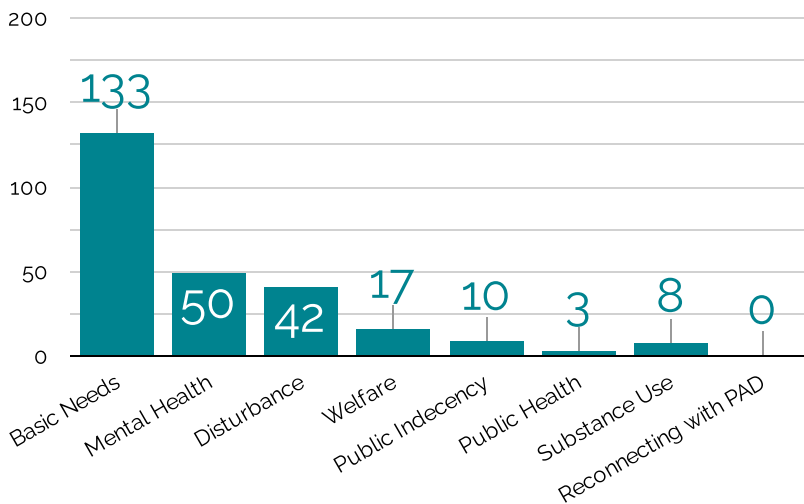
REFERRING OTHERS

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



RESPONSE STATISTICS

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

Response Outcomes





January 2022 - May 2022

Law Enforcement Assisted Diversions (LEAD)

162 POLICE DIVERSIONS

17 PAD RE-REFERRALS

Includes individuals who are referred more than once to PAD.

Diversions received from:

155

APD

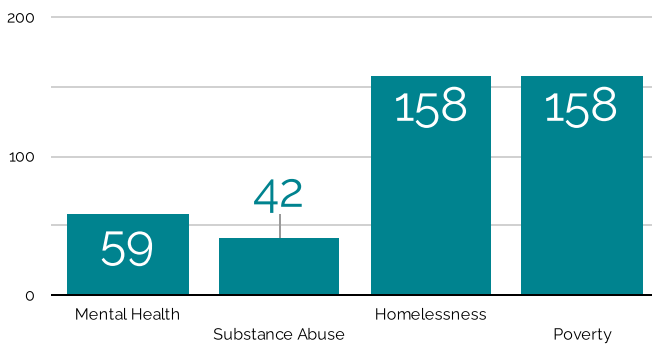
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MARTA PD

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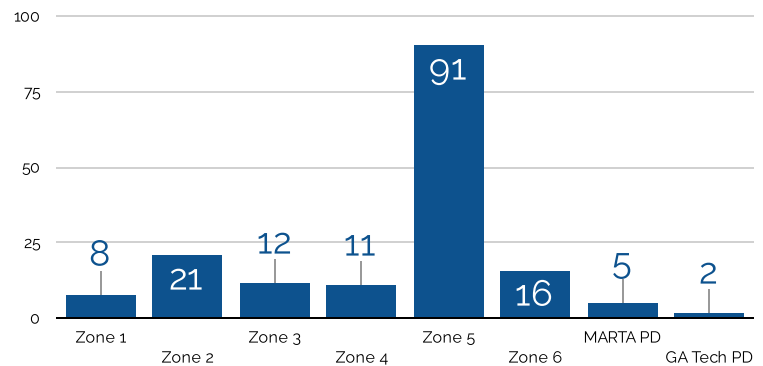
GA Tech PD

Concerns at the time of diversion



Diversions often include multiple concerns.

By zone/agency



January 2022 - May 2022

Community Response Services

454 REFERRAL REQUESTS

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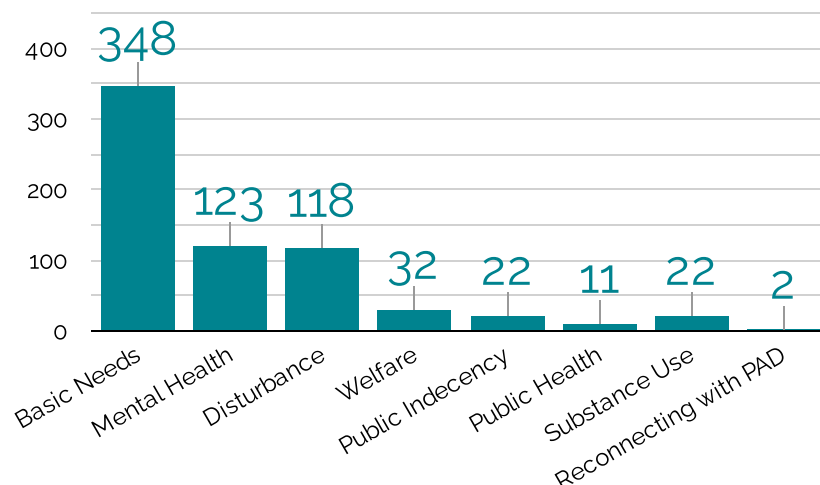
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REFERRING OTHERS

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REFERRING SELF

Top 311 Caller Concerns



RESPONSE STATISTICS

- **401** referral requests were designated as an immediate response, with an average response time of **49.97** minutes.

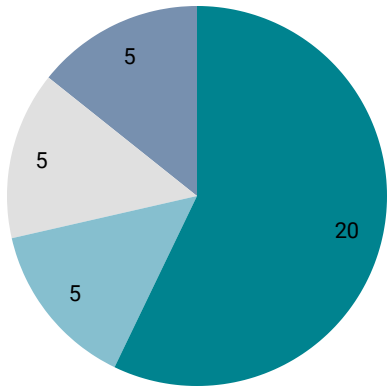
- **23** requests were designated as outreach requests.

- **25** requests were provided with resources by PAD staff over the phone.



Care Navigation

35 NEW PARTICIPANTS



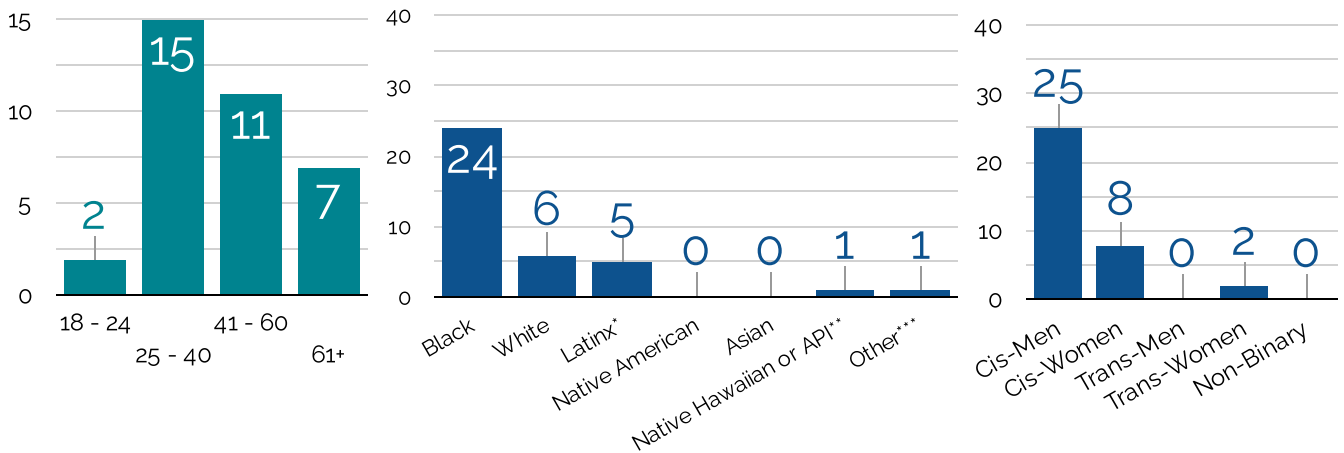
- Pre-Arrest Diversion from Law Enforcement:
- Community Response Services Through ATL311:
- Fulton County Public Defender's Office:
- Partner Agencies:
- Fulton County Solicitor's Office:
- Outreach Engagement:

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:

- **Immediate Shelter & Basic Needs:** People are offered emergency shelter, transportation and food assistance.

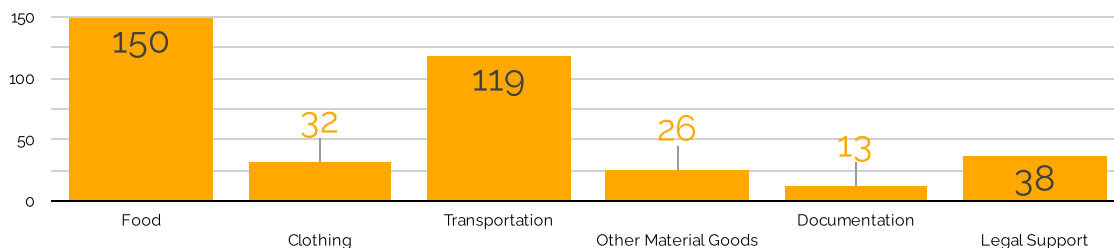
- **Linkage to Care:** People are supported with care navigation, and connected to service providers for identification documents, recovery support, employment, and other services.

Enrollment by age, race and ethnicity, and gender



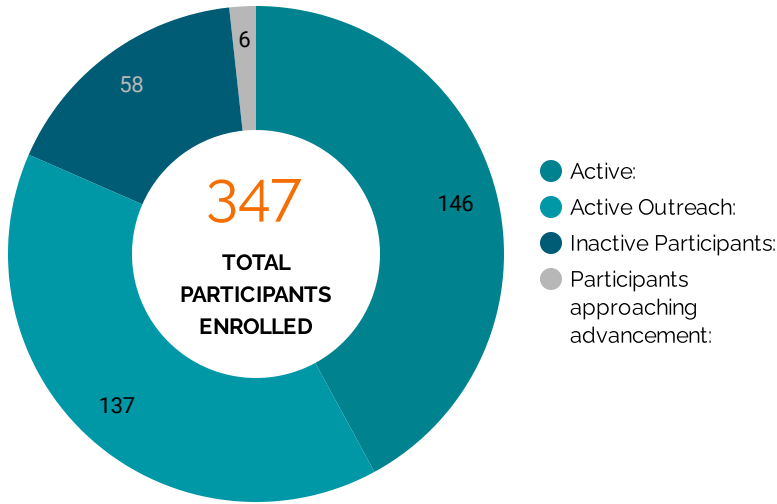
*People who are Latinx may be of any race. **API = American Pacific Islander ***Other = two or more races.

Services provided OUT OF 140 UNIQUE PARTICIPANTS HELPED FOR MAY





Care Navigation *cont.*



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.

HOUSING SERVICES

Placed in treatment center for 90 days:	33
Provided emergency housing:	17
Placed in shelter:	9
Placed in transitional housing:	6
Placed in supportive housing:	2
Placed in permanent supportive housing:	1
Placed in rapid rehousing:	0
Placed in private housing:	0
Placed in veteran affairs supportive housing:	0

ARRESTS IN THE YEAR PRIOR FOR APD DIVERSIONS

Of 35 new people diverted or referred to PAD in May 2022:

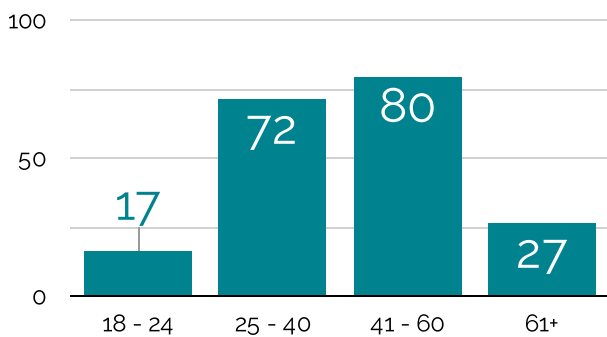
- **14** were arrested or cited by APD 20x in the year prior to PAD participation:
 - **6** people arrested 1x in city charges,
 - **3** people arrested 2x in city charges,
 - **3** people arrested 1x in county charges,
 - **1** person arrested 1x in city charges and cited 1x,
 - **1** person arrested 1x in county charges and cited 2x; and
- **22** were not arrested or cited by APD in the year prior to PAD.

January 2022 - May 2022

Care Navigation

347 TOTAL PARTICIPANTS
CURRENTLY ENROLLED

Enrollment by age



HOUSING SERVICES

Provided emergency housing: 146

Placed in veteran affairs supportive housing: 9

Placed in treatment center for 90 days: 90

Placed in supportive housing: 75

Placed in shelter: 36

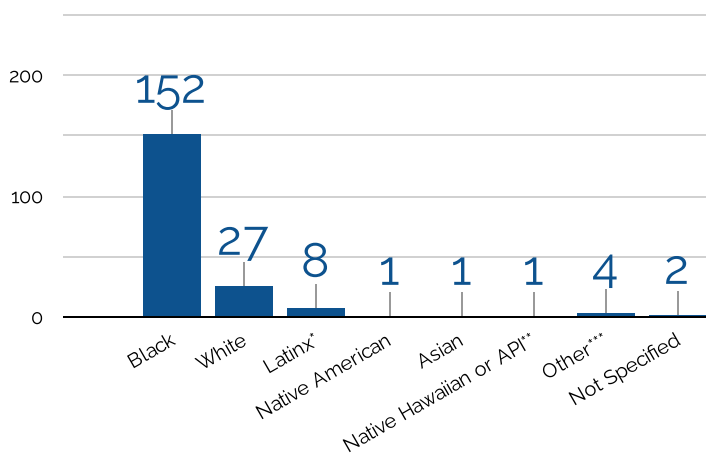
Placed in rapid rehousing: 0

Placed in private housing: 0

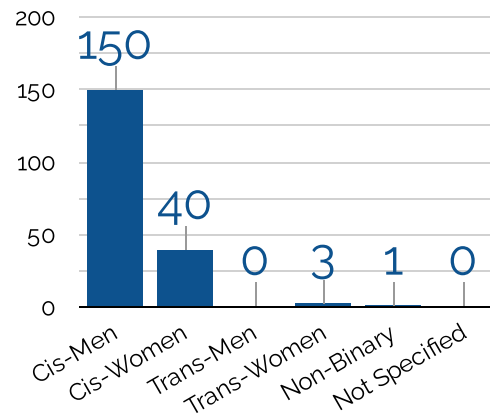
Placed in permanent supportive housing: 16

Placed in bridge housing: 113

Enrollment by race and ethnicity



Enrollment by gender



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Services provided

