



POLICING
ALTERNATIVES
& DIVERSION
INITIATIVE

Monthly Report

September 2022





PAD promotes a new approach to community safety and wellness by reducing police involvement in issues related to quality-of-life concerns and by increasing the accessibility of supportive services. We engage in creative problem-solving to respond to community concerns, and addressing people's human needs with dignity, patience and care. PAD provides an alternative to criminal justice involvement through two core strategies:

- Community Response Services: We partner with the City of Atlanta's 311 non-emergency services line to accept community referrals for issues of concern related to mental health, substance use or extreme poverty.
- Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Services: We accept pre-arrest diversion referrals from law enforcement, to provide an immediate alternative to arrest for individuals experiencing substance addiction, mental health concerns, or extreme poverty.

Our Care Navigation Team provides housing support, case management, and legal navigation for individuals who have been diverted by law enforcement or have an open and eligible criminal case in the City of Atlanta or Fulton County. We provided case management assistance to our participants for as long as they need assistance. We aim to build relationships to support our participants in achieving their goals for more stable and healthy lives.

THE TOP LINE: September 2022

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Law
Enforcement
Assisted
Diversions

119

Community
Response
Requests
Through ATL311

26

New LEAD
Participants
Enrolled

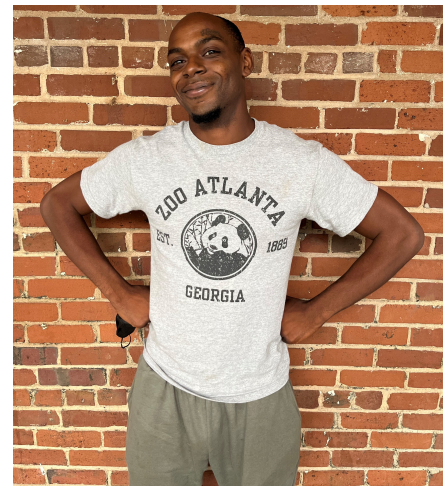
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Businesses
Engaged Through
Outreach

Through in-person canvassing.

Testimonial

"Y'all serve services not sentences. For those of us who come to PAD through pre-arrest diversion, we have sometimes had to do things to survive that put us back into situations with the police. If I don't have money, I'm going to hop the rail. You guys make sure we don't have to take those steps and don't end up being incarcerated again. I work as a line cook and when I needed non slip shoes, or a chef's coat, PAD helped me get them. This job helps me get off the street." - Sharif





Law Enforcement Assisted Diversions (LEAD)

22 COMPLETED DIVERSIONS

-11 DIVERSION CHANGE FROM JULY 2022

-8 DIVERSION CHANGE FROM AUGUST 2021

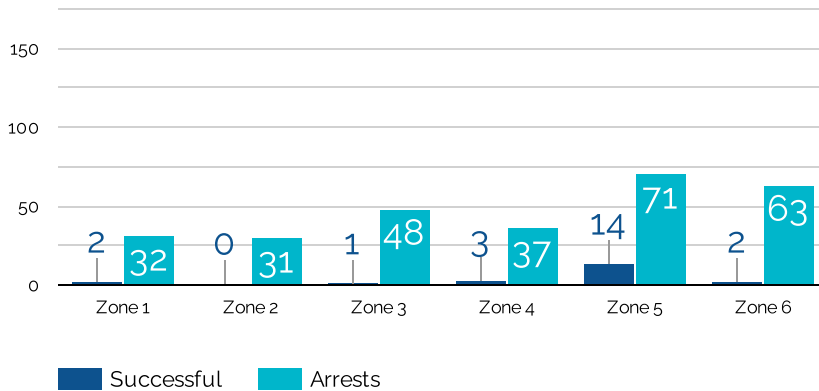
○ PAD RE-REFERRALS

Total diversions above and statistics below includes individuals who are referred more than once to PAD.

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.

Diversions and diversion-eligible arrests by police zone/agency



RESPONSE STATISTICS

Average response time to diversions was

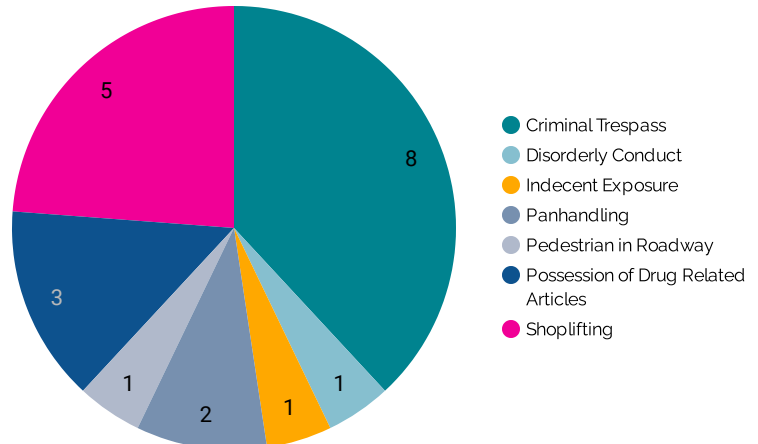
17 minutes

TYPICAL TIME OF DIVERSION*

Zone 1	11am - 2pm
Zone 3	12pm - 1pm
Zone 4	9am - 12pm
Zone 5	1pm - 3pm
Zone 6	10am - 1pm

*50% or more of diversions happened during this time. If no diversions occurred, the zone will not be listed.

CHARGES AT THE TIME OF DIVERSION



Note there may be multiple charges per individual.



Community Response Services

119 RESPONSE REQUESTS

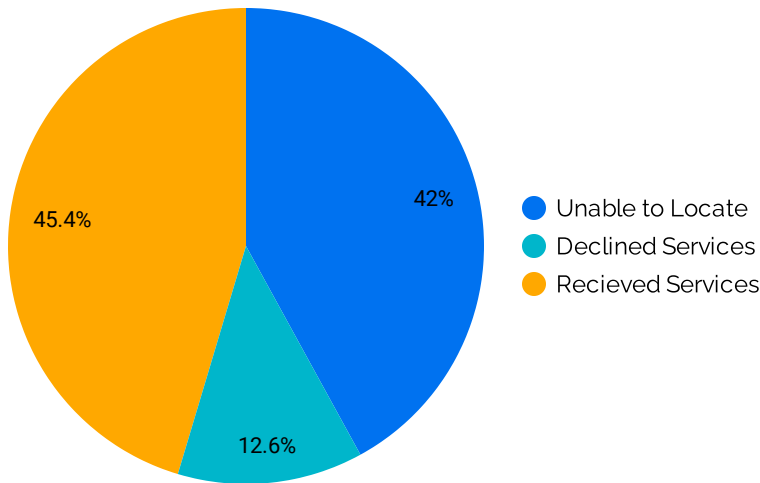
-46 CHANGE IN REQUESTS FROM AUGUST 2022

+60 CHANGE IN REQUESTS FROM SEPTEMBER 2021

Excludes ineligible and duplicate calls.

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.

Response Outcomes



Note: "Declined Services" may include individuals who are already working with other service providers or would prefer to be re-engaged at another time

RESPONSE STATISTICS

102 referrals (86% of all calls) were designated as an immediate response of calls. The average response time was

23 minutes

71% of all calls received an in-person response within 30 minutes.

13 requests were designated as outreach requests.

4 requests were provided with resources by PAD staff over the phone.



Demographics of Successfully Engaged Individuals

By Race and Ethnicity:

- 37 African American individuals
- 13 White individuals
- 1 Hispanic individual
- 4 individuals' race/ethnicity not specified.

By Gender:

- 32 Cis-gender men
- 18 Cis-gender women
- 4 individuals' gender not specified.

"I'm just so grateful for this service and what it offers to our community. Every single human has a purpose and deserves to be treated with respect and dignity. And every matter is not a police matter."

- Kelly W.



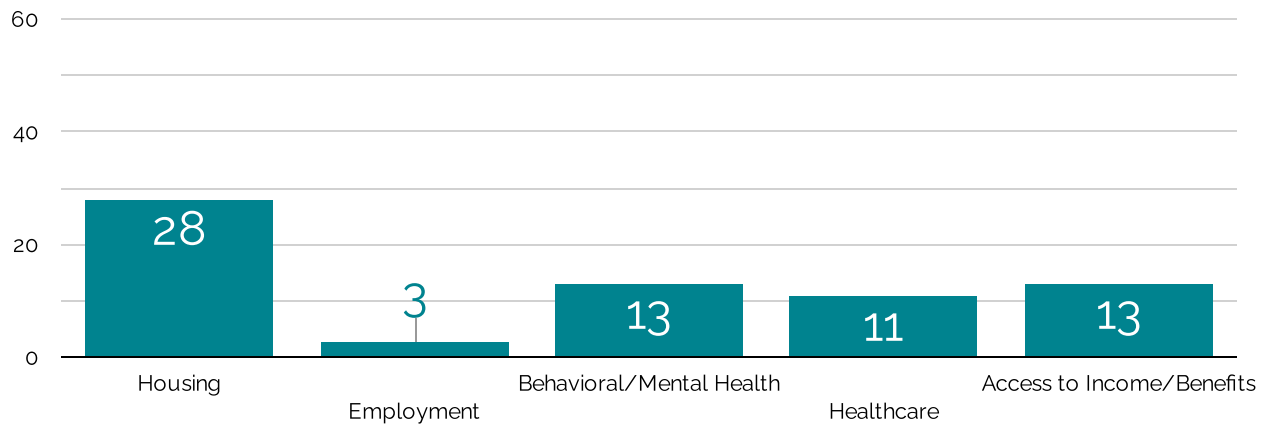
Community Response Services *continued*

54 SUCCESSFUL ENGAGEMENTS

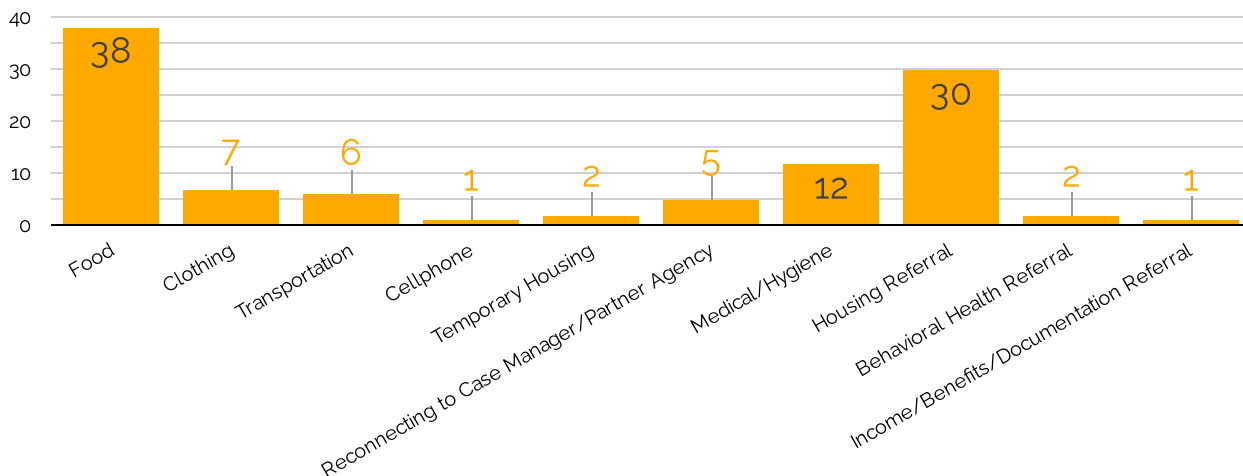
-31 SUCCESSFUL ENGAGEMENT CHANGE FROM AUGUST 2022

+3 ENROLLED 311 LEAD PARTICIPANT(S)

Identified Needs Among Successful Engagements



BARRIER REDUCTION ACTIVITIES - DIRECT SERVICES AND REFERRALS

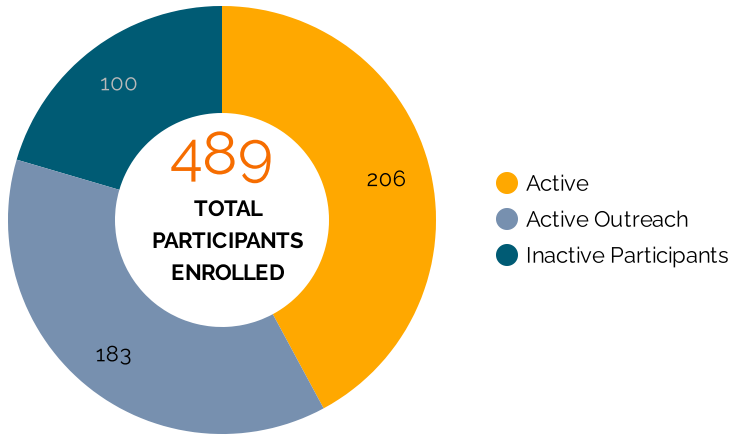




Care Navigation

26 NEW LEAD PARTICIPANTS

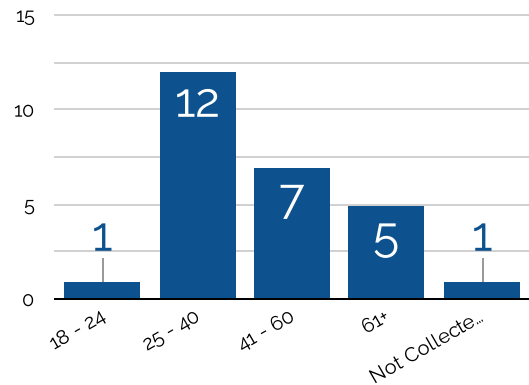
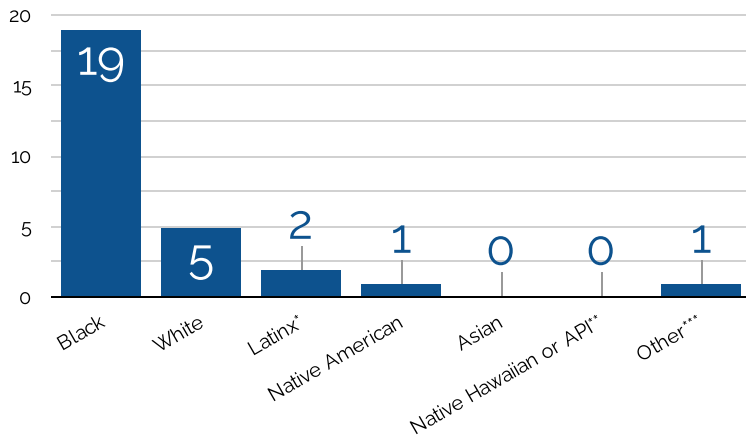
-10 LEAD ENROLLMENT CHANGE FROM JULY 2022



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:

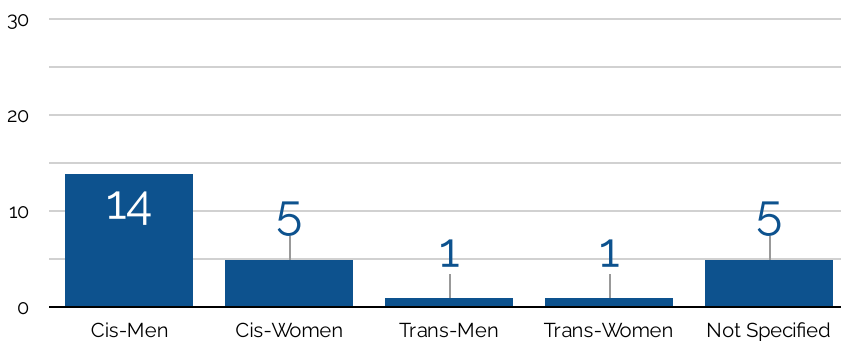
- **Immediate Shelter & Basic Needs:** People are offered emergency shelter, transportation and food assistance.
- **Linkage to Care:** People are supported with care navigation, and connected to service providers for identification documents, recovery support, employment, and other services.

LEAD participant enrollment by age, race/ethnicity



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

LEAD participant enrollment by gender



HOUSING SUPPORT

Provided emergency housing:	24
Placed in shelter:	13
Placed in residential substance use treatment:	7
Placed in bridge housing:	3
Placed in permanent supportive housing:	3
Placed in private housing:	3

No individuals were enrolled in Street Wellness Enhancement & Engagement (SWEET) Team services.



Care Navigation *continued*

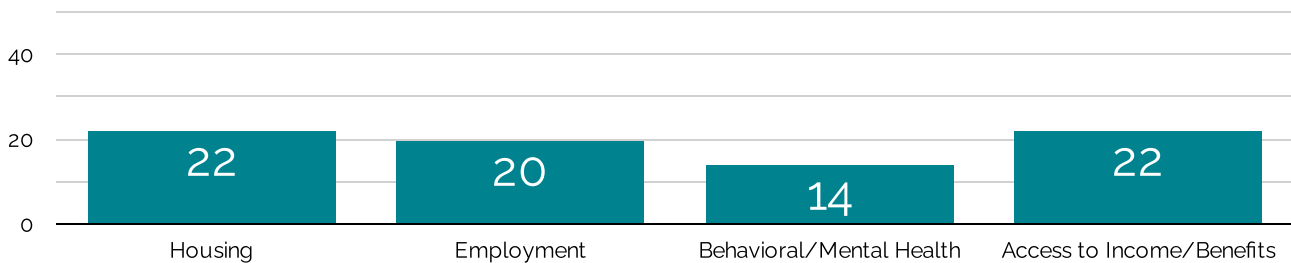
**191 PARTICIPANTS
PROVIDED SERVICES**

**0 PARTICIPANTS
ADVANCED**

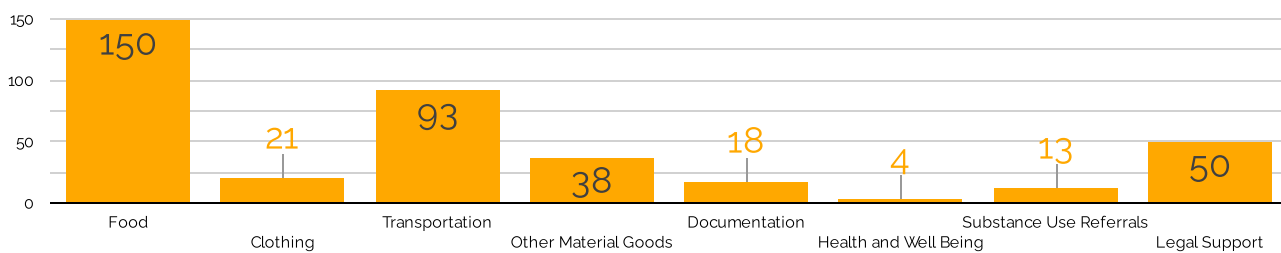
**-10 CHANGE IN PARTICIPANT ADVANCEMENT
FROM AUGUST 2022**

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.

Identified needs among newly-enrolled LEAD participants



BARRIER REDUCTION ACTIVITIES - DIRECT SERVICES AND REFERRALS



PARTICIPANT ARRESTS IN THE 6 MONTHS BEFORE AND AFTER APD DIVERSION

PAD provided legal system navigation to 50 participants this month in order to reduce legal barriers, resolve cases, and advocate for reduced jail sentences.

Of 165 currently active participants, in the 6 months *prior* to their diversion:

- 135 were not arrested or cited by APD in the 6 months prior to their diversion
- 28 were arrested in the 6 months prior to their diversion, with 12 having charges eligible for diversion.

Of 165 currently active participants, in the 6 months *after* their diversion:

- 134 were not arrested or cited by APD in the 6 months prior to their diversion
- 27 were arrested in the 6 months after their diversion, with 9 having charges eligible for diversion.

Of 22 participants diverted in September 2022:

- 1 was arrested by APD after their diversion, spending 17 days in jail, with charges ineligible for diversion.
- 1 individual was arrested after their diversion, with an estimated 5 days in jail and diversion eligibility unknown.



January 2022 - September 2022

Law Enforcement Assisted Diversions (LEAD)

269 POLICE DIVERSIONS

35 PAD RE-REFERRALS

Includes individuals who are referred more than once to PAD.

Diversions received from:

260	6	3
APD	MARTA PD	GA Tech PD

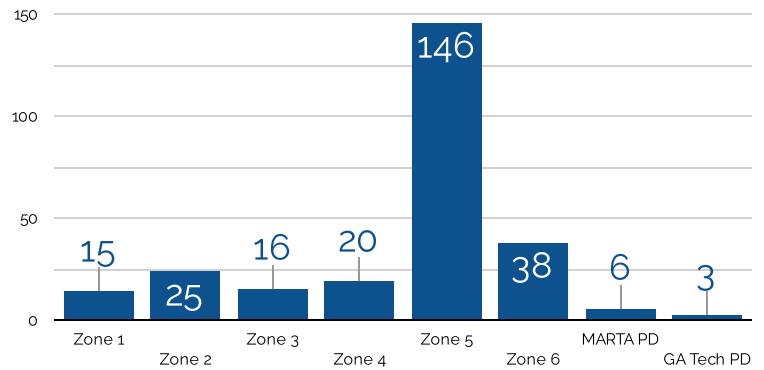
RESPONSE STATISTICS

Average year to date response time to diversions was:

21

minutes

By zone/agency



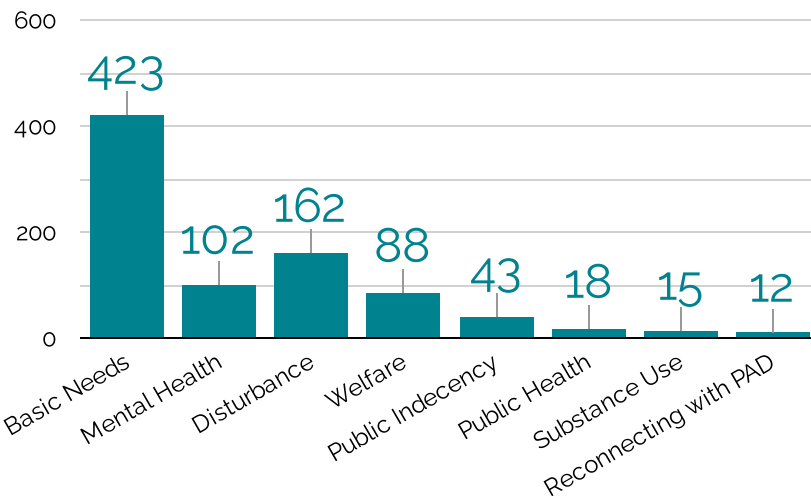
January 2022 - September 2022

Community Response Services

1,001	RESPONSE REQUESTS	466	SUCCESSFUL ENGAGEMENTS
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Excludes ineligible and duplicate calls.

Top 311 Caller Concerns Among Successful Engagements



RESPONSE STATISTICS

- **875** referral requests were designated as an immediate response, with an average response time of **36** minutes.

- **62%** of all calls received an in-person response within 30 minutes.

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

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



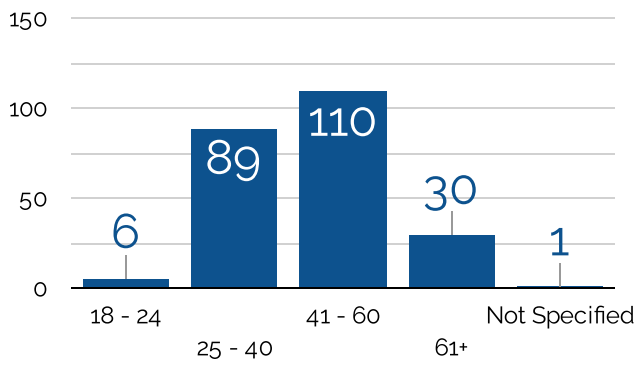
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Care Navigation

236 LEAD PARTICIPANTS ENROLLED YEAR TO DATE

489 TOTAL PARTICIPANTS CURRENTLY ENROLLED

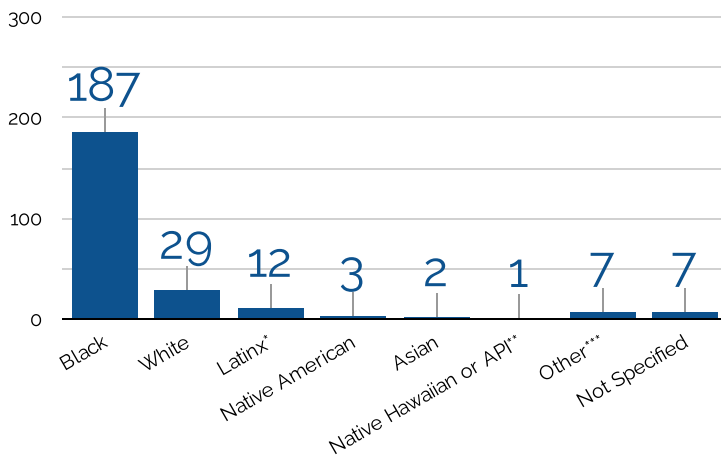
LEAD enrollment by age



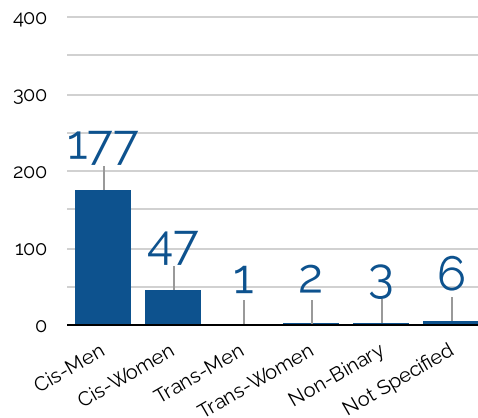
HOUSING SUPPORT

Provided emergency housing:	242
Placed in residential substance use treatment:	135
Placed in bridge housing:	130
Placed in shelter:	72
Placed in supportive housing:	46
Placed in permanent supportive housing:	17
Placed in veteran affairs supportive housing:	8
Placed in private housing:	4

LEAD enrollment by race/ethnicity

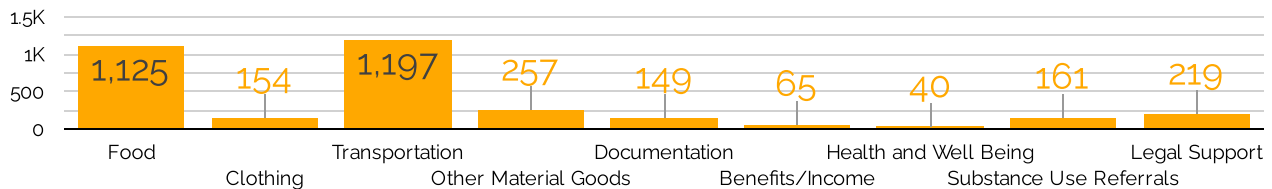


LEAD enrollment by gender



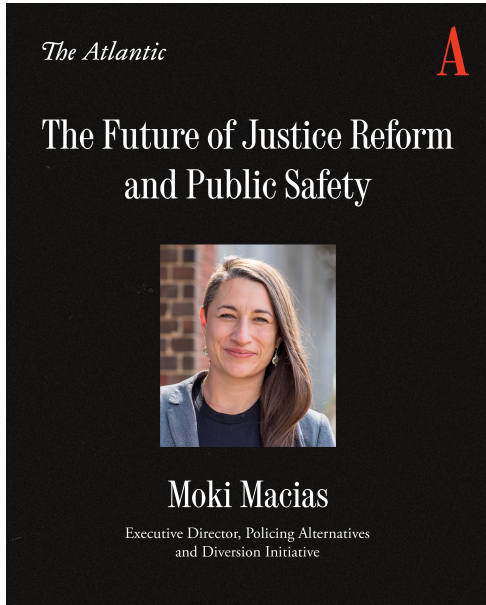
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Community Engagement



We participated in many events this September, both on the local and national stage. Our Executive Director Moki Macias joined the Future of Justice Reform and Public Safety forum hosted by The Atlantic, in partnership with The MacArthur Foundation. Alongside Georgia State Senator Tonya Anderson and the Georgia Justice Project's Brenda Smeeton, Moki was interviewed by The Atlantic's Ronald Brownstein to discuss criminal justice reform efforts in Atlanta and Georgia. And our Director of Community Response Services, Chyna Quarker, joined a panel discussion hosted by the Southern Center for Human Rights on mass incarceration.

The planning for the Diversion Center continues as well. We hosted a listening session with people who have been incarcerated, along with representatives from the City of Atlanta, Fulton County, and Grady, to provide feedback on the public art that will be showcased as the Diversion Center. The conversation was led by Robert Witherspoon from the Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs. Homelessness.

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BUSINESSES ENGAGED

Through in-person canvassing.

3

PUBLIC TRAININGS

11

COMMUNITY EVENTS ATTENDED

1

MEDIA APPEARANCES



Councilmember Winston joined us for a ride along with the Harm Reduction Team to see what their work looks like up close.