

Restorative Community Pathways

2022 Data Summary
Quarter 1

The following summary is intended to support transparency and ongoing learning for Restorative Community Pathways. It includes narrative and quantitative data from November 2021 through March 2022.

DCHSData@kingcounty.gov
Prepared 5/18/2022

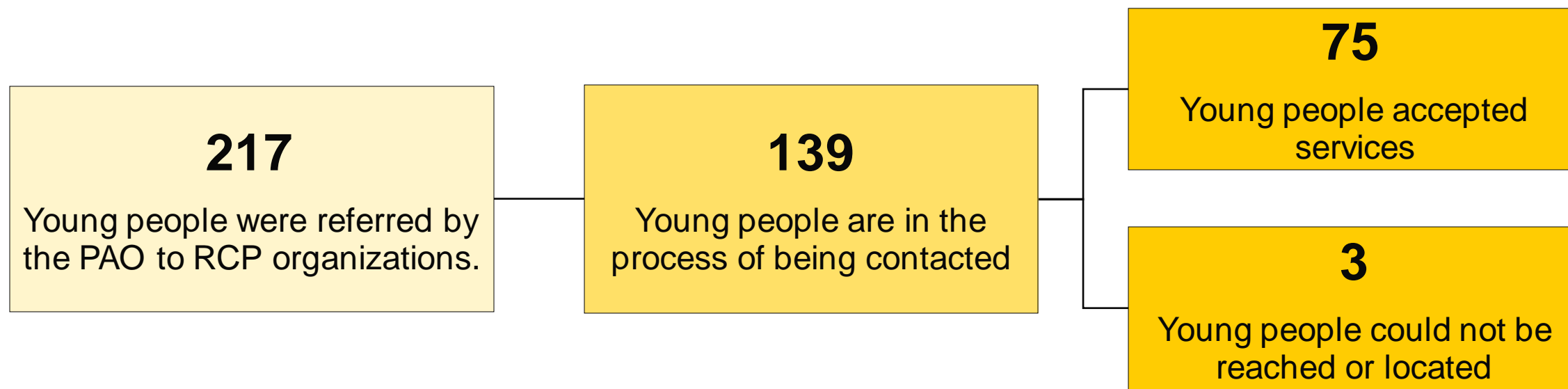
 King County

DCHS

Department of Community
and Human Services

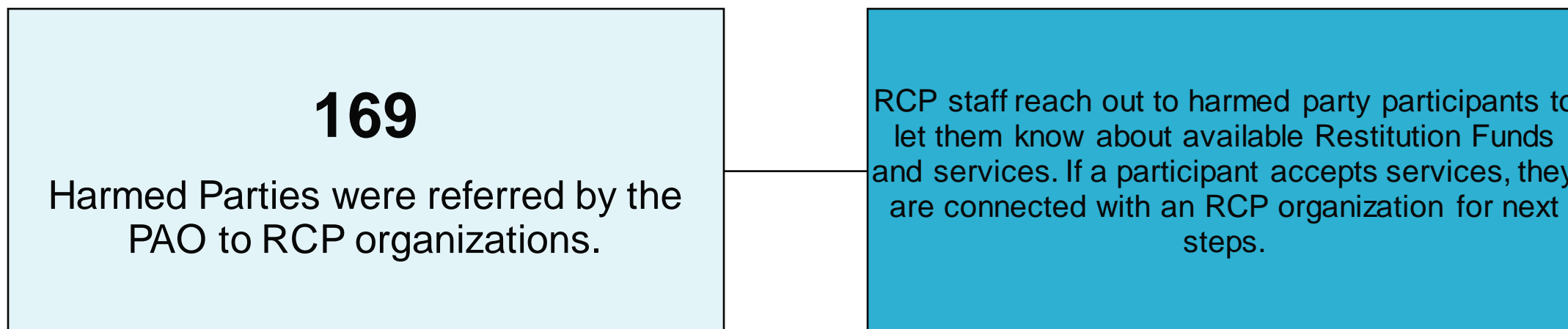
Youth Referrals Summary

The following data summarize youth referrals that took place between November 2021 and March 2022.



Harmed Party Referrals Summary

The following data summarize harmed party referrals between November 2021 and March 2022.



Support Funds Summary

The following is a summary of the Youth and Family Fund and Restitution Fund between November 2021 and March 2022.

Youth and Family Funds
data not available this
quarter

\$5,391.42
Restitution Funds
distributed to 7 individuals

Data source: Restorative Community Pathways internal staff.

This summary provides a snapshot of this quarter's data but does not provide accurate year-to-date information. It is not intended to approximate an annual report. Questions?

Contact DCHSData@kingcounty.gov.

 King County

DCHS

Department of Community
and Human Services

Program Participation

Number of all participants served.

303
Total young people served

29
Total community members who experienced harm served

Referral source for participants not available this quarter. This summary provides a snapshot of this quarter's data but does not provide accurate year-to-date information. It is not intended to approximate an annual report.

Questions? Contact DCHSData@kingcounty.gov.



Emerging Themes

Restorative Community Pathways organizations submit quarterly narratives that help tell the story behind the numbers. Questions ask about successes, challenges, and program changes. The following slides include themes and quotes to summarize RCP programming from November 2021 through March 2022.



Image Credit: www.restorativecommunitypathways.org

Building Systems and Capacity

- As programming launched in late 2021, RCP organizations began hiring staff, adding services and workshops, and setting up processes to support youth and families.
- This hiring included Community Navigators with a diverse range of backgrounds and lived experiences, as well as staff to facilitate basic needs support and mutual aid.
- Staff attended training on restorative justice and diversion practices.
- Organizations also led courses on financial literacy and healing circles with youth and their families. Another series of workshops focused on interpersonal violence, suicide prevention, and safety.

Building Systems and Capacity

- **Community partnerships helped build a support network for young people.** Organizations collaborated with community-based coalitions, housing agencies, and other RCP programs to offer a wide range of services to youth and their families. Organizations also met with local schools to advocate for the inclusion of restorative justice practices, cultural workshops, and therapy groups.
- **The Youth and Family Fund and Harmed Party Fund helped participants meet basic needs.** Organizations accessed these funds to help families get their needs met, including paying for utility bills, school supplies, and technology resources. These supports ensure that participants have what they need to engage in programming and make safe, healthy choices. As one provider shared:

“How can we be providing youth with more resources to address the material conditions that force them into challenging situations?”

Celebrating Culture and Healing

- **RCP organizations offered culturally relevant services that celebrate the voices and experiences of young people and their communities.** This included programming rooted in expressions of dance, song, and poetry – as well as events centering the work of Black-led abolition movements and local organizers.
- **Healing circles provided space for youth to feel seen and empowered.** Several RCP organizations launched healing circles that emphasize relationship-building, creative expression, and accountability. One provider shared:

“This [program] has changed the trajectory for so many of [our youth] who have felt isolated and alone, and to have a medium that is culturally relevant to help them honor their voices has been a huge asset for their healing process. One of our participants expressed: *‘I have never really felt safe ever, and this is the first time I have been able to share my experience.’*”

Celebrating Culture and Healing

- **RCP is building holistic systems of community care.** Centering the agency, safety, and needs of community helps create a healing environment that addresses the interpersonal and structural harm caused by racism and oppression – replacing punitive systems. One provider shared:

“It is deeply encouraging to hear the conversations [young people] are having about collective care, accountability and healing. We believe that it is a community-wide responsibility to come together, and address harm rather than simply punish a single individual. Most harm, even interpersonal harm, is connected to what is happening in the larger ecosystem of a community or society. We can only truly heal if we are all willing to participate in the process to the best of our ability.”

Initial Challenges

- **Navigating the COVID-19 pandemic remains a challenge**, resulting in increased needs such as financial assistance, mental health supports, safety planning, and technology access. Participants often faced a lack of transportation to services, reliable phone access, and/or language barriers – making it more difficult for RCP staff to reach them.
- **It takes time to launch programming and establish best practices.** Delays in receiving referrals and launching the program resulted in less time for creating norms around communication, shared learning, and data collection. Additionally, **some referrals from the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office did not include sufficient or accurate information** about participants by the time RCP organizations received them. One provider shared:

“[The delay in programming] has pushed back other items on our work plan such as the necessary onboarding we had planned, making site visits to other CBOs within the consortium, communicating, and learning and sharing how to communicate, offer and connect participants to the support we all offer, and how we can work in concert and not siloed.”

Initial Challenges

- **Building trust in the community also takes time.** RCP organizations faced **pushback and misinterpretation from local city agencies**, overshadowing how Community Navigators are supporting young people. Organizations are also **outreaching to community members and youth who have experienced harm** so they can learn how RCP differs from the juvenile legal system. One provider shared:

“Being this is new partnership/collaboration with Prosecutors’ Office, community members aren’t quick to reconnect with us when we first contact them. So, we took longer time of waiting for participants to get on board and understanding that our work is a community led diversion program.”

- In response, this provider brought in a former prosecutor to explain the court system and what options were available for one young person who was unsure of which route to take. This young person ultimately considered RCP as the best option for them.



Department of Community
and Human Services



Instagram



Blog



YouTube



Website



Data Dashboard