

Restorative Community Pathways

2023 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 January through March 2023.

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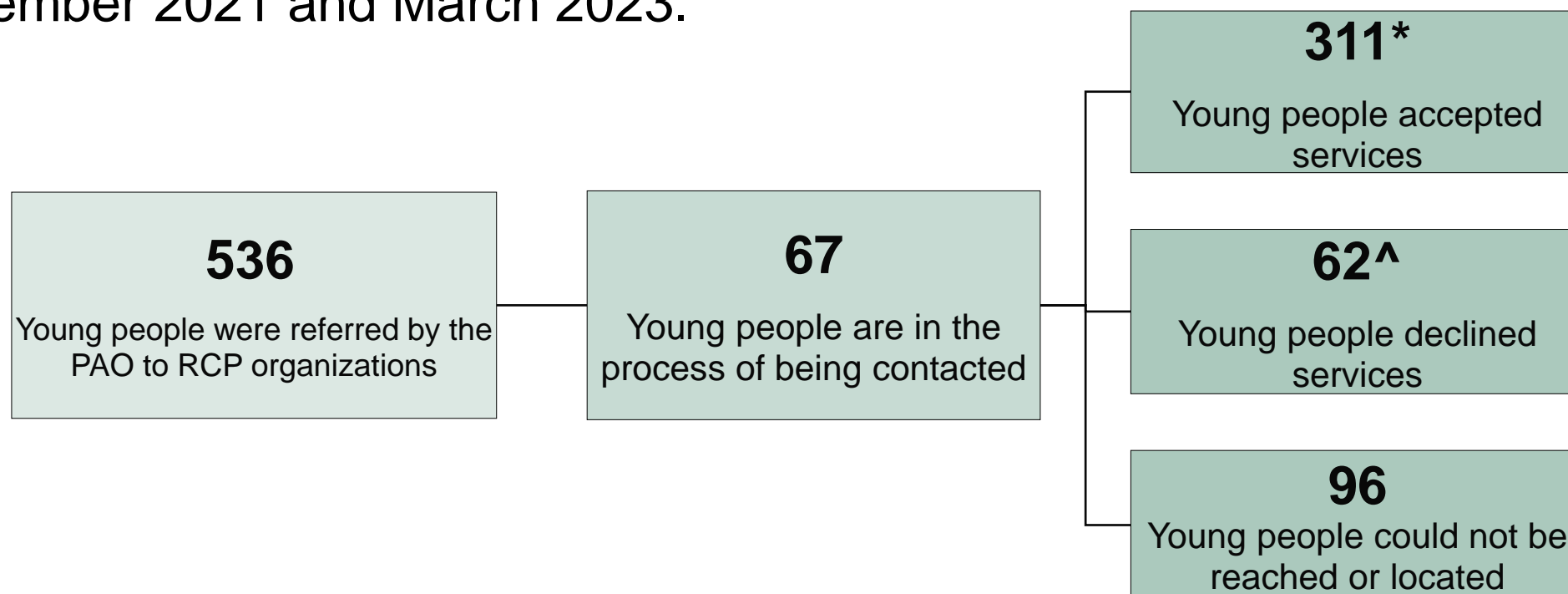
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Youth Referrals Summary

The following data summarize youth referrals that took place between November 2021 and March 2023.



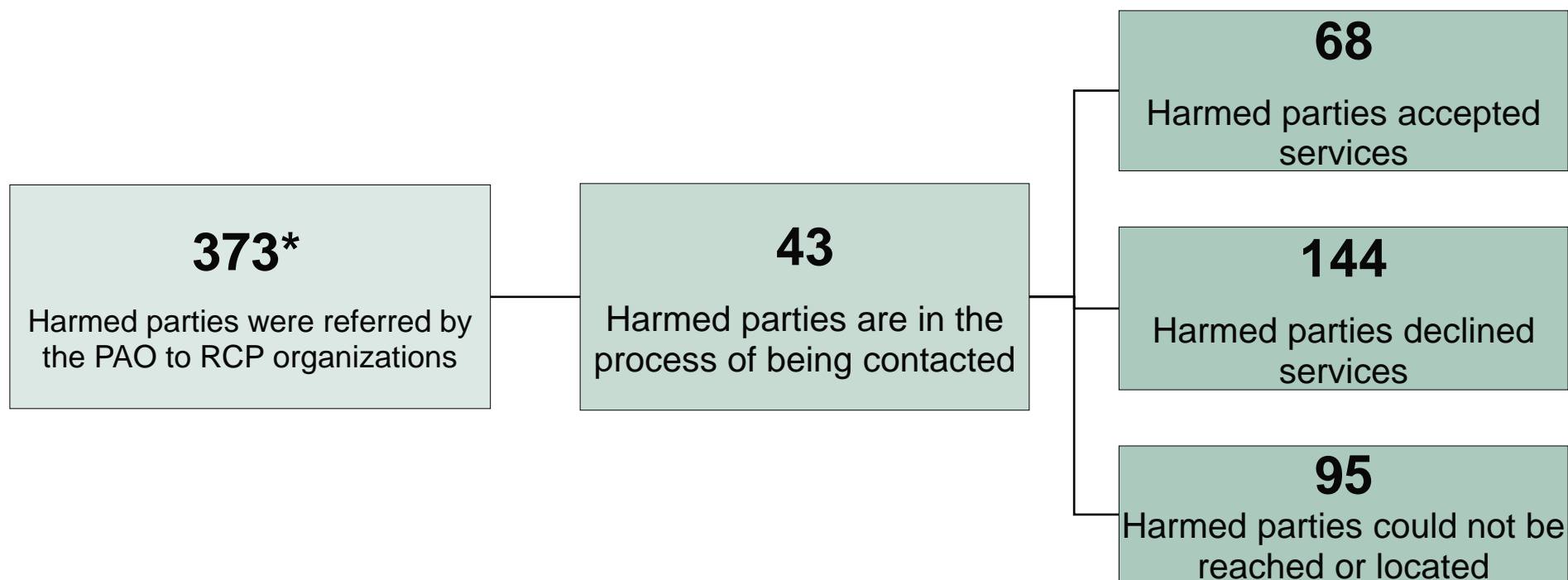
*Includes 21 young people who accepted services after a case was filed.

^Includes 16 young people who declined services or did not appear in court after a case was filed.

Data source: Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Questions? Contact DCHSData@kingcounty.gov.

Harmed Party Referrals Summary

The following data summarize harmed party referrals that took place between November 2021 and March 2023.



*Total includes 23 harmed party cases not eligible for services, including schools, businesses, and police officers. Outreach is conducted when individuals are identified in an incident.
Data source: Restorative Community Pathways internal staff. Questions? Contact DCHSData@kingcounty.gov.

Support Funds Summary

The following is a summary of the Youth and Family Fund and Restitution Fund between January and March 2023.*

\$5,171.70

Youth and family funds
distributed to **11**
individuals

\$3,164.77

Restitution funds
distributed to **6** individuals

*Totals include payments distributed through the RCP Consortium to individuals.

Data source: Restorative Community Pathways internal staff.

This summary provides a snapshot of this quarter's data and is not intended to approximate an annual report. Questions? Contact DCHSData@kingcounty.gov.

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Program Participation

283 total RCP youth were served.



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Program Participation

52 total community members who experienced harm were served.



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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 January through March 2023.



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Building Systems and Capacity

- **The RCP Operations Team grew in the last quarter**, including a finance coordinator and direct support staff coordinator. They also successfully onboarded a new cohort of Youth Steering Committee members.
- RCP organizations continue **to share best practices and resources**. As one provider reported:

“We shared with the RCP consortium our process for working with young people to mapping their care, including recognizing when they’re heading to a bad place, what they do and do not want and need in those times, and who they can call on for support. We are in the process of doing a skillshare for the consortium on how we prep the arc of a dialogue as well as hosting training sessions on bystander intervention and gender socialization.”

Program Changes and Improvements

- Programs continued to shift and expand services to meet young people's needs. Examples include:
 - Hiring additional facilitators to support resource navigation.
 - Creating a fellowship opportunity for former participants to build program management skills.
 - Connecting with behavioral health and housing organizations to enhance the network of care.
 - Completing an Undoing Institutional Racism training and incorporating those principles into the work.
 - Presenting to the Department of Public Defense and Seattle Public Schools to spread awareness of the program.

Navigating Challenges

- The prolonged '23-'24 budget and contracting process led to service delays and large time commitments from staff.
 - Programs were unable to distribute support funds during this time, limiting their ability to help families meet basic needs.
 - Budget cuts to transportation also affected participants' ability to access services. This emphasized the need for additional funding sources.

One program shared their desire to provide services that are "...not responsive to emergency needs only. We'd like to continue to keep the advocacy branch of our youth work alive because in the past it has proved essential in removing systemic barriers that our youth continue to face in both school and society."

- Program and staff capacity continue to be limited, meaning they cannot take on as many referrals or activities.

Program Stories and Outcomes

Programs continued to receive positive feedback from participants. One program asked young people what they learned or enjoyed in an end-of-session survey and collected the following responses:

“I enjoyed getting out of my comfort zone for certain activities.”

“Respecting other people's boundaries gain respect with each other.”

“Learning and developing my communication skills.”

“Expressing myself and communicating.”

Program Stories and Outcomes

Restorative justice processes take time and intentionality. One program shared this example of working with a school staff member who experienced harm:

"For one person who had experienced harm, we began working with them in June. They are staff at a local school who had been harmed by a young person within the school. For months we worked with the adult and harmed party, pivoting regularly as their willingness to engage, life circumstances, and needs changed. This required significant consistency and organization on our behalf as oftentimes the person who had experienced harm was unable to follow through on planned meetings. Rushing through this process, though, can lead to further harm and re-traumatization. The harmed party feels complete in this phase of her healing after much flexibility and consistency on our behalf. While this chapter has closed, she knows as things may arise for her she is always welcome to reach back out."

Program Stories and Outcomes

Another program shared the impact of **trusting relationships with Community Navigators, as well as the benefits of mental health supports:**

"We are proud to tell you about our most recent win of one of our very first referrals... She had come to a point of giving up, isolating herself and from her own words, she was not looking forward to another day. She could barely keep a job and was always getting into very aggressive altercations with the parents and siblings. After building an authentic relationship with the Navigator, we connected her with the best match in therapy, though she started slow and aloof, she eventually opened up and allowed herself to go through the process. After a couple of months... the Navigator reported being surprised by the kind of positive energy she projected. She had personally decided to make changes in her life. She was happy to tell her that she had secured a job interview the next day and was learning how to manage her finances... She [also] argued that she had learnt to control her emotions and it helped a great deal. The navigator also followed up with her mother who confirmed that things had changed a lot at home."



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