

Restorative Community Pathways

2024 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 2024.

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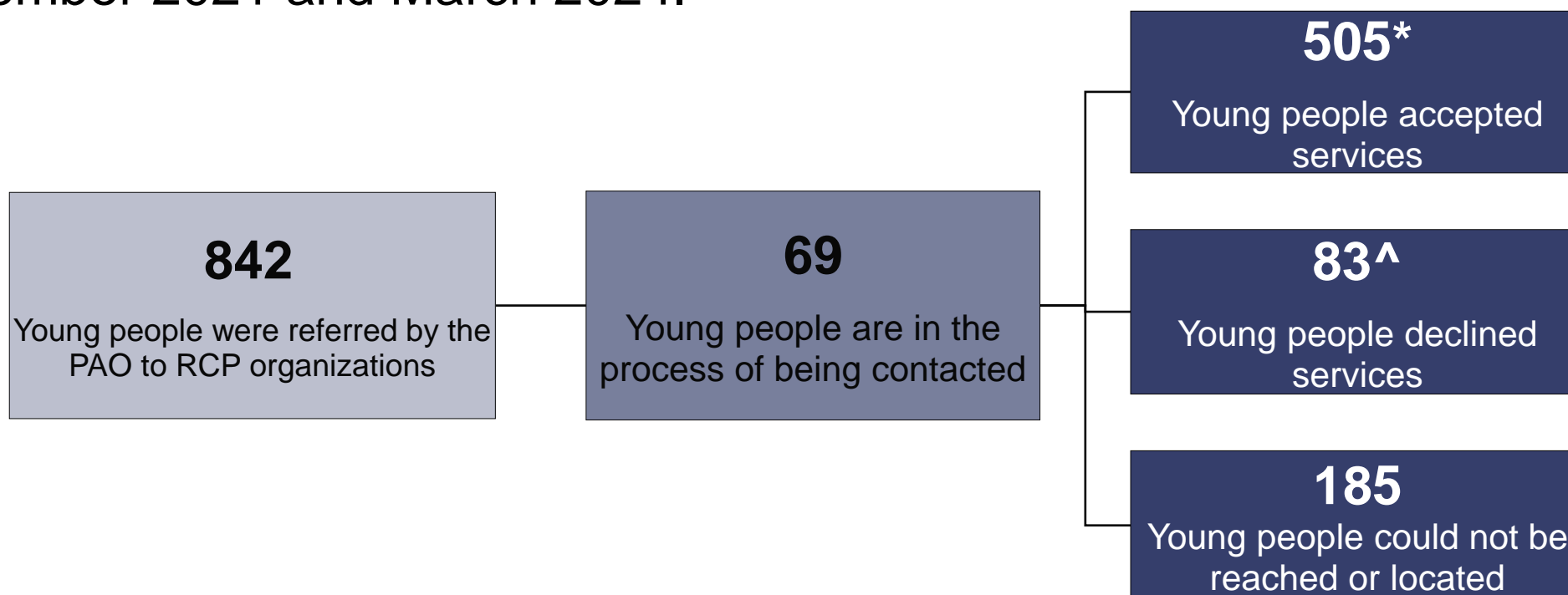
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Youth Referrals Summary

The following data summarize youth referrals that took place between November 2021 and March 2024.



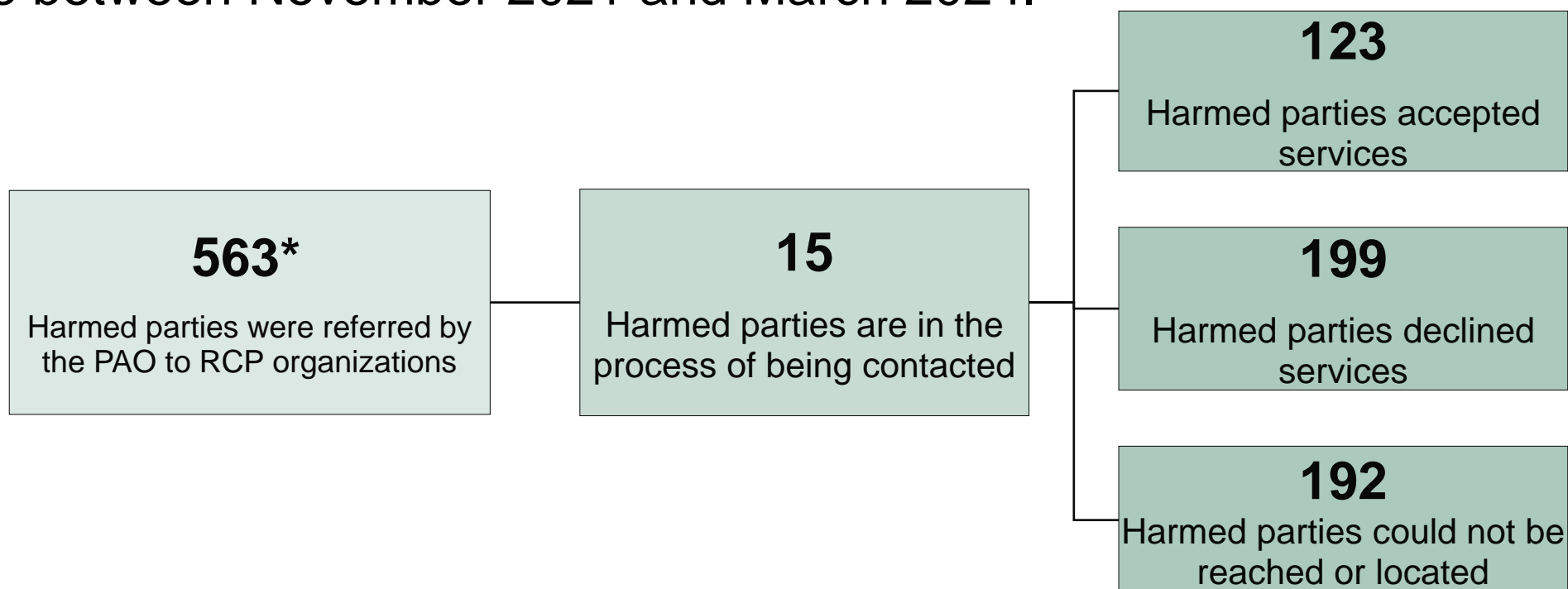
*This 505 total includes 61 young people who accepted services during Quarter 1, and 26 young people who accepted services after a case was filed.

^This 83 total includes 7 young people who did not give consent during Quarter 1, and 14 young people who either 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 2024.



*Total includes 34 harmed party cases not displayed in the chart because they are ineligible 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 2024.*

\$68,879.89

Youth and family funds
distributed to **56**
individuals

\$10,388.67

Restitution funds
distributed to **8** individuals

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

Data source: Restorative Community Pathways internal staff.

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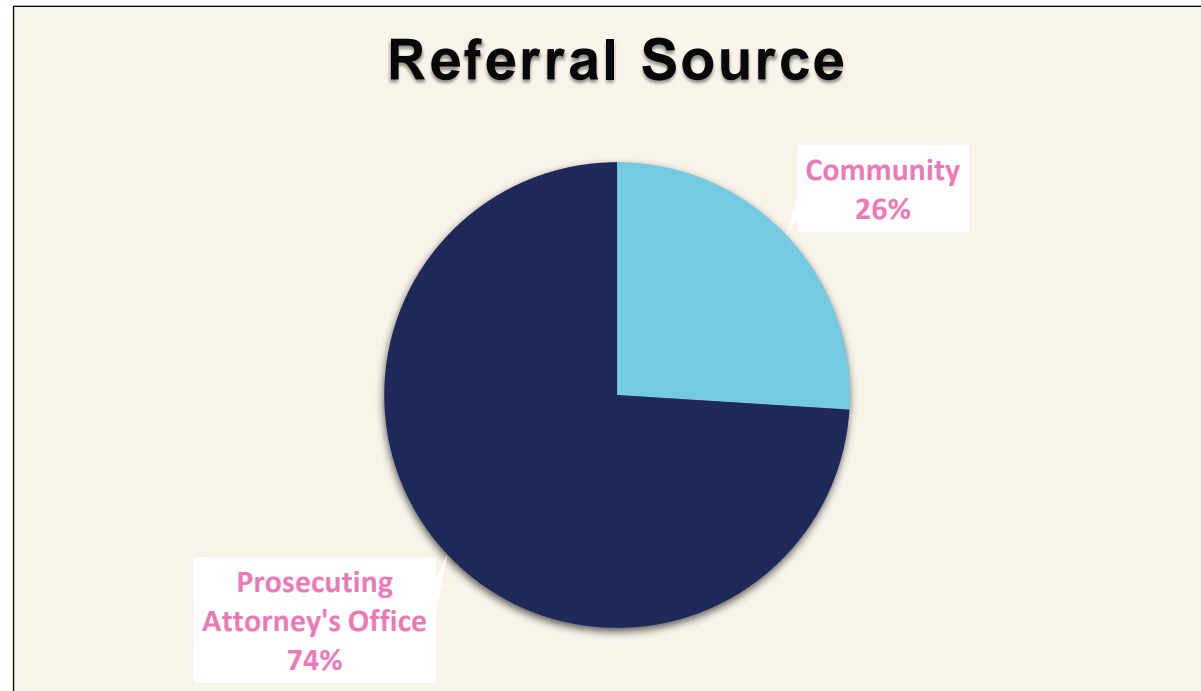
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Program Participation

Number of youth served

262 total young people were served. **97** young people enrolled during Quarter 1 2024.



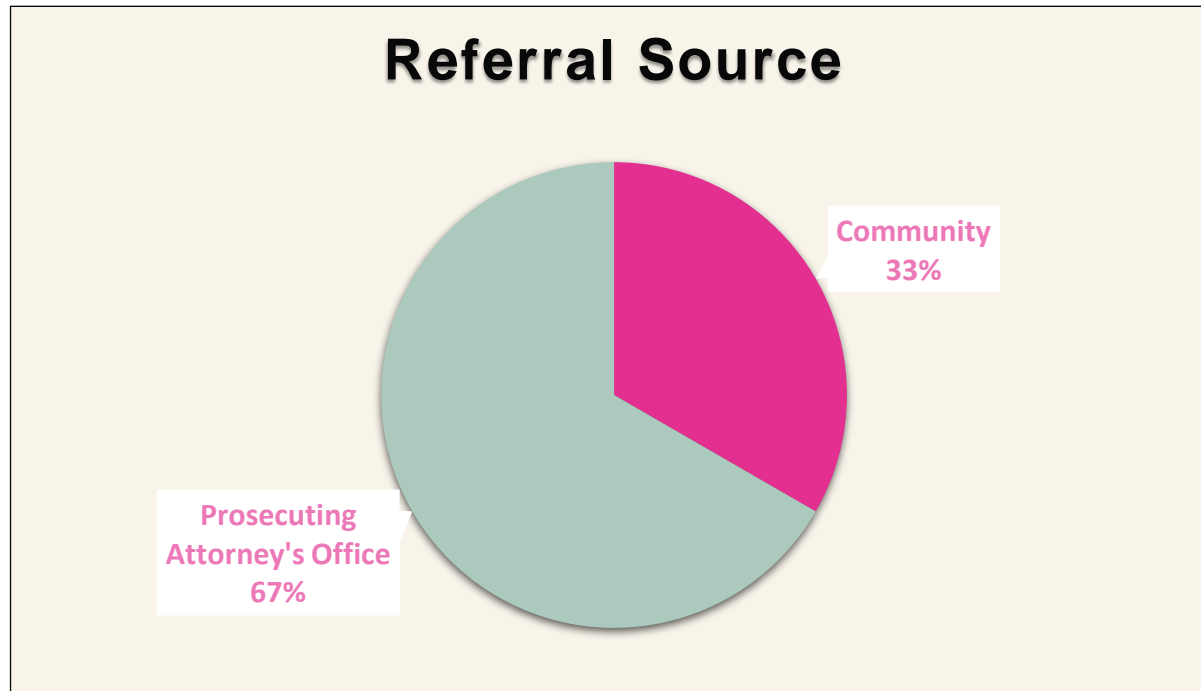
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Program Participation

Number of community members who experienced harm served

39 total community members who experienced harm were served.
5 of these participants enrolled during Quarter 1 2024.



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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 2024.

Program Changes and Improvements

Organizations **expanded activities and partnerships** – adding health and wellness workshops, connecting with local colleges, and **building in life skills**:

“The [healing circle] program has undergone a transformative evolution this year, with a pronounced shift towards equipping participants with essential external life skills. These encompass areas such as **resume building, personal hygiene, goal setting**, and more, empowering young individuals to not only acquire but also implement these newfound skills within their respective communities.”

RCP also made **improvements to existing programs** like creating a clear transition plan for youth aging out of programming, as well as changes to the outreach process.

Program Changes and Improvements

Programs are centering **professional development** for their staff, including a multi-day training for facilitators:

“This intensive offering served as a crucial platform for us to **delve deeper into our restorative practices**, solidify our praxis to supporting individuals who have both experienced and caused serious harm, and foster stronger connections within our team.”

The consortium has additional training and connection opportunities planned for later this year.

Navigating Challenges

- **Transportation** remains a large financial and capacity barrier for programs, especially for participants living in north and south King County. With increased gas and rideshare prices, programs struggle to cover the high demand.
- **Staff turnover and reduced capacity** also leads to disruptions in programming or prevents programs from enrolling new participants.

Navigating Challenges

School-based referrals are on the rise, due to school staff contacting law enforcement. Oftentimes these young people already face academic issues and/or suspensions. One program shared an approach to taking things more upstream, as well as reducing the transportation burden:

“We've observed challenges with families bringing their youth due to transportation issues. To address this, our team **forged relationships with school principals, advisors, and success coaches**, enabling us to **bring our programming directly to schools** where students can access it more easily, with the added support of food provided by the school. We're extending this approach to two more high schools, ensuring students see familiar faces ready to support and guide them.”

Navigating Challenges

Young people endure difficult circumstances – like substance dependency and housing insecurity – that persist even after graduating from RCP. This puts strain on staff and requires programs to lean on an already over-taxed resource network. As two programs shared:

“Navigators’ caseloads have been at capacity in recent months... Some of the participants required more **specialized support including substance dependency and mental health support**. While navigators continue to connect young people to address these needs, partner organizations are also at capacity to provide immediate assistance.”

“Almost all [participants] **continue to grapple with the same challenging circumstances outside of their control they faced before**. However, because of the strong relationships we've built with them and the consistent support we've provided, they continue to turn to us for help. We understand the importance of being responsive to their needs while also maintaining boundaries to honor our capacity.”

Program Stories and Outcomes

Many programs celebrated **academic and personal achievements** with young people.

“Many [youth] set personal goals and have achieved them, such as becoming more **involved in after-school activities instead of spending time on the streets.** Despite academic challenges, a majority of our youths have either improved their grades or demonstrated progress and a commitment to academic improvement.”

“We had a really uplifting quarter and were able to honor the graduation of several young people from our program. These young folks built awareness of **proactively identifying stressors, self-regulating when activated, and when and how to tap in with their support networks.**”

Program Stories and Outcomes

Programs also shared how prioritizing trust and relationship-building has led to **increased engagement**, which is an indicator of program success.

“One of the most powerful things about [our program] is that young people bring their friends. **We don't have to do much outreach, if any, because young people are referring their friends** and self-referring for additional program opportunities.”

“Because over-policing and surveillance is concentrated in BIPOC and economically disenfranchised communities, many of the young people referred to RCP know one another... The relationships we've cultivated with young folks have led to increased trust and support from their peers... **word-of-mouth trust building and interconnected relationships have made it easier for new participants to trust us.**”

Program Stories and Outcomes

Support for community members who experienced harm is a key component of the restorative justice model. One harmed party participant shared:

“At a time when I had no idea on how I was to proceed with life after the incident we endured, RCP reached out and offered counseling and restitution to help replace what was lost by them intervening they really helped save my daughter and I’s relationship. Thank you so much.”



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