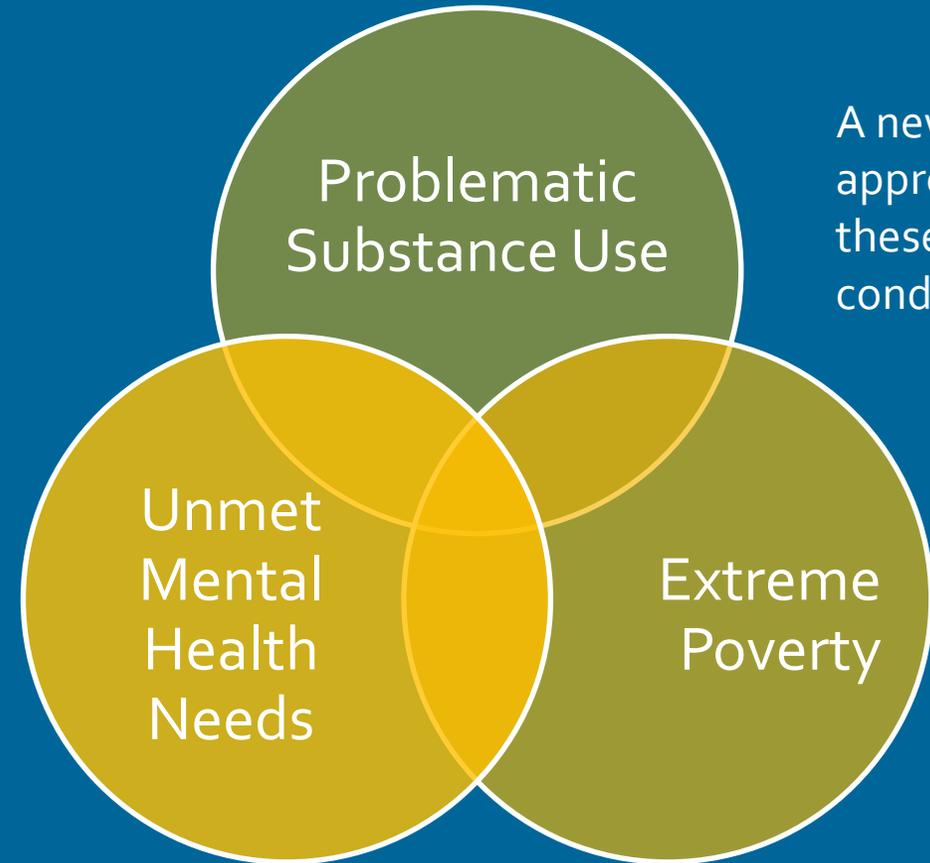




ATLANTA/FULTON PAD INITIATIVE

- Since 2017, the Atlanta Fulton PAD Initiative has provided an immediate alternative to arrest for individuals detained by the Atlanta Police Department.
- We have diverted over 200 people since launching in APD Zones 5 & 6.
- In 2019, PAD diverted 101 people. Of these individuals, 92% did not have stable housing at the time of diversion, and 68% did not have government ID. 81% of diverted individuals identified substance use or mental health issues as barriers to their stability.



A new approach to these conditions

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN INDIVIDUALS ARE DIVERTED FROM ARREST?



INITIAL INTAKE & OPEN CASE REVIEW

Diverted individuals are reviewed by criminal legal partners to identify and begin resolving legal barriers.

IMMEDIATE SHELTER & BASIC NEEDS

All participants are offered emergency shelter, transportation and food assistance for up to 3 months.



OUTREACH & CASE MANAGEMENT

Care Navigators and outreach workers engage participants during weekly in-office and street-based visits.

LINKAGE TO CARE

Participants receive linkage to service providers for identification, mental health/substance use, employment, and other services.



PAD APPROACH

- Based on the LEAD model - Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion
- No exclusions based on criminal conviction history or re-arrests
- Consent-based
- Goal is harm reduction for the individual & community
- Success is systems change, from punishment to care

PAD STRATEGIES

PAD's mission is to reduce arrest and incarceration of people experiencing extreme poverty, problematic substance use, or mental health concerns, and increase the accessibility of supportive services to promote a new approach to community safety and wellness.

Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion

- Expansion to all APD Zones
- Available to officers who have probable cause
- Coordination with prosecutors/defense to reduce legal barriers
- Case management

Community Referrals

- Community referrals through ATL311 beginning October 2020
- For non-crisis issues of community concern (behavioral health, poverty)

Harm Reduction

- Street outreach and relationship-building
- Law enforcement training and engagement
- Creative problem-solving with businesses & service providers

COMMUNITY REFERRAL EXPANSION

- PAD is collaborating with ATL311, the city's non-emergency service line, to respond to issues of community concern related to substance use, mental health, and poverty
- A PAD Harm Reduction team will conduct outreach and problem-solving to address the immediate concern and make referrals to partner agencies
- Complete the Community Referral survey and sign up for a virtual Community Listening Session at www.atlantapad.org/expansion

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