



City of Atlanta
Office of the Public Defender

Public Safety and Legal Administration Presentation

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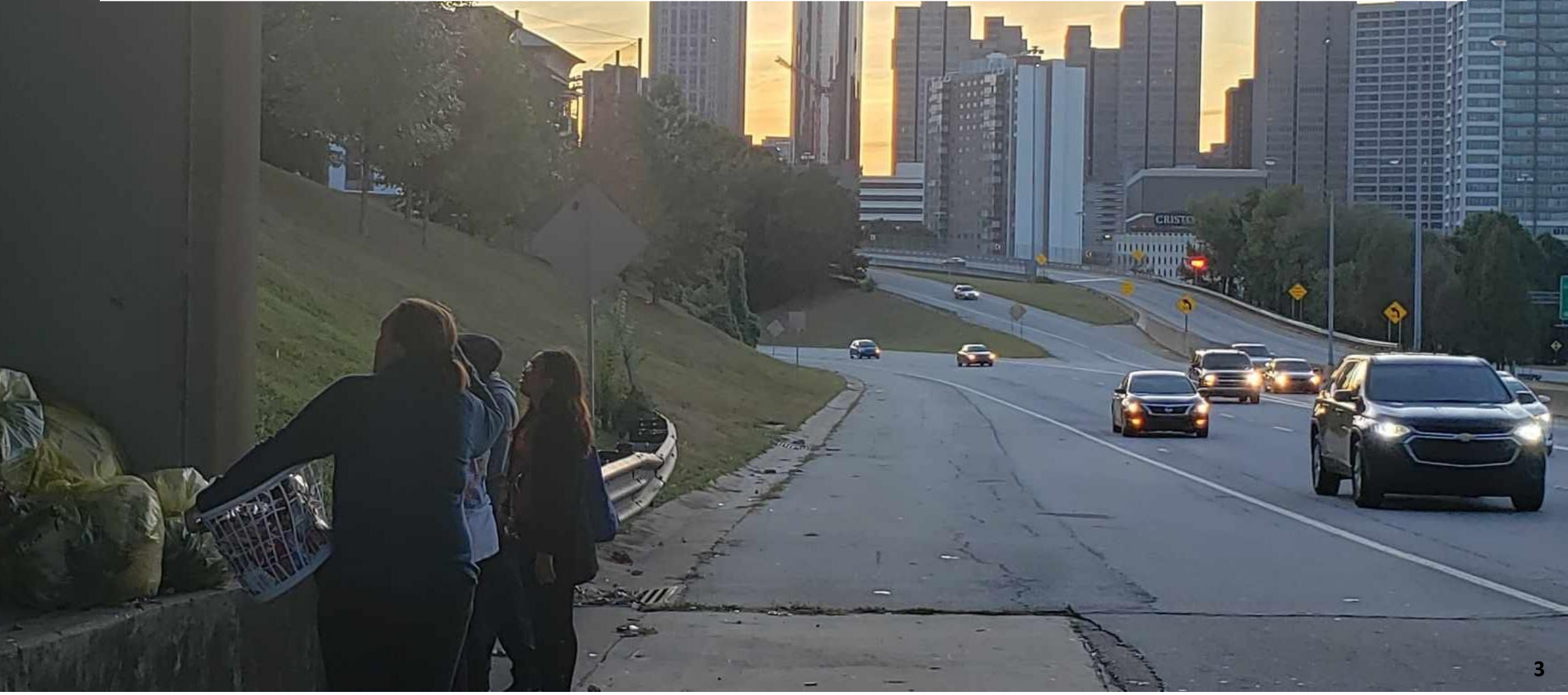
Our office is dedicated to therapeutic justice. We address any underlying reasons for unlawful conduct, such as mental illness and substance dependency.

Attorneys, Client Advocates, and Social Workers seek treatment services for clients in need.

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Therapeutic Justice: Understanding Contributing Factors of
Quality-of-Life Crimes & Enhancing Public Safety

- Mental Health
- Low-Income/No-Income
- Lack of Access to Services
- Employment

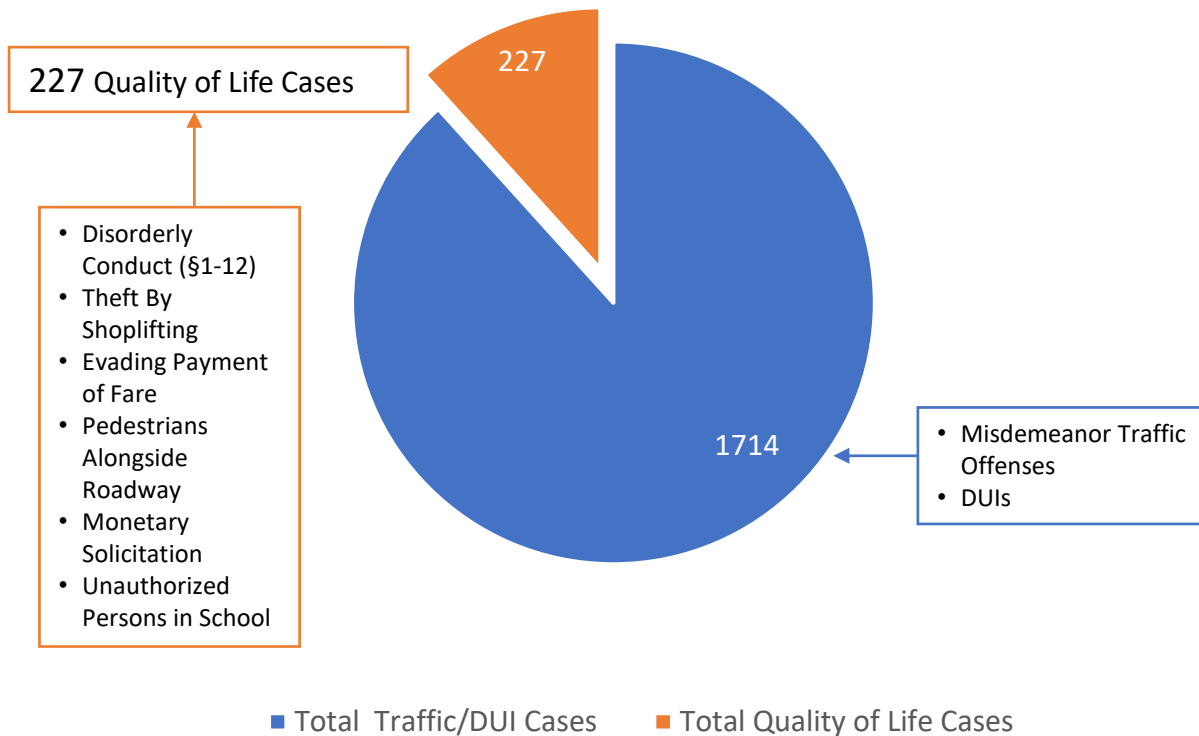


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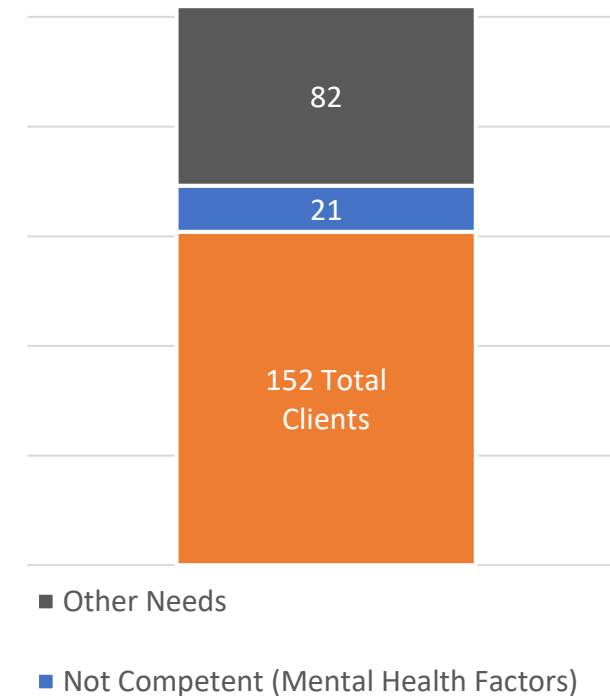
Enhancing Public Safety by Reducing Contributing Factors to Quality-of-Life Crimes

April & May 2023

1941 Total Cases
April & May 2023

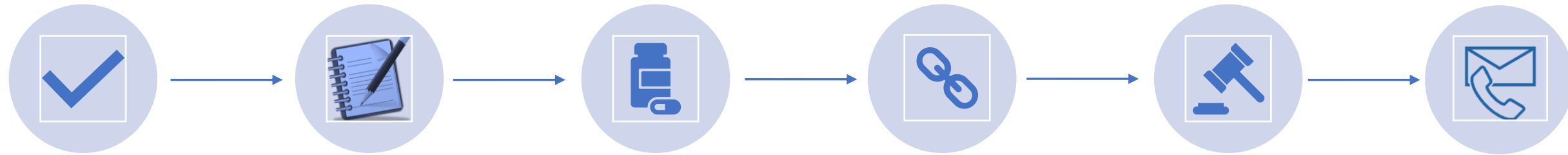


Clients Charged with Quality-of-Life Crimes
April & May 2023



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Holistic Practice: Providing Solutions to Contributing Factors



INITIAL COURT APPEARANCE

SOCIAL WORK ASSESSMENT

TREATMENT PLAN

SERVICE LINKAGE

COURT RESOLUTION

FOLLOW-UP

- Identify Contributing Factors

- Mental Health Assessment
- Needs Assessment
- Housing Assessment
- Employment Assessment

- Licensed Social Workers and Attorneys
- 3rd Party Service Providers

- Mental Health Provider
- Public Defender Transportation
- Housing Providers
- Public Defender Holistic Employment Program
- Food Pantries

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Supporting the “Year of the Youth”

“Intervening early with youth can help prevent the onset of adult criminal careers and reduces the likelihood of youth perpetrating serious and violent offenses.”-Juvenile Department of Justice





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Next Generation Career Day at the Office of the Public Defender



Engagement: Cooking class with @Promise Center youth



Carver YMCA facility mural painting



- ✓ Exposure
- ✓ Prevention



Questions?
