



ALBANY
Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion

Q2 REPORT 2024

What is Albany LEAD?

Albany LEAD helps people who experience mental illness, substance use, poverty, or homelessness avoid citation, arrest, and incarceration related to those issues. It does so by providing case managers who support them in addressing immediate and long-term needs.

LEAD seeks to increase equity and reduce harm within communities by reorienting the systems that shape health and safety. LEAD also seeks to change attitudes, behaviors, and systems—made possible by local stakeholders committed to collaboration and collective response.



In the second quarter of 2024, we launched the LEAD Clinical Initiative in partnership with the Albany County Department of Mental Health. This street-based psychiatric services pilot is funded by a federal Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulants, Substance Use Program (COSSUP) grant. A full-time clinician and part-time prescriber from ACDMH work with LEAD clients, bringing services to them, together with the case management team.

During this initial quarter:

Six clients were outreached and offered services.

Three clients were enrolled into the Clinic, and provided with **counseling, medication management**, and additional **supportive services** like housing referral and case management to help manage medical concerns.

We know LEAD clients often face many barriers that can make accessing mental health and substance use treatment difficult. Each and every person served through this initiative is a person who may not have received services otherwise. We look forward to learning more and sharing these lessons.



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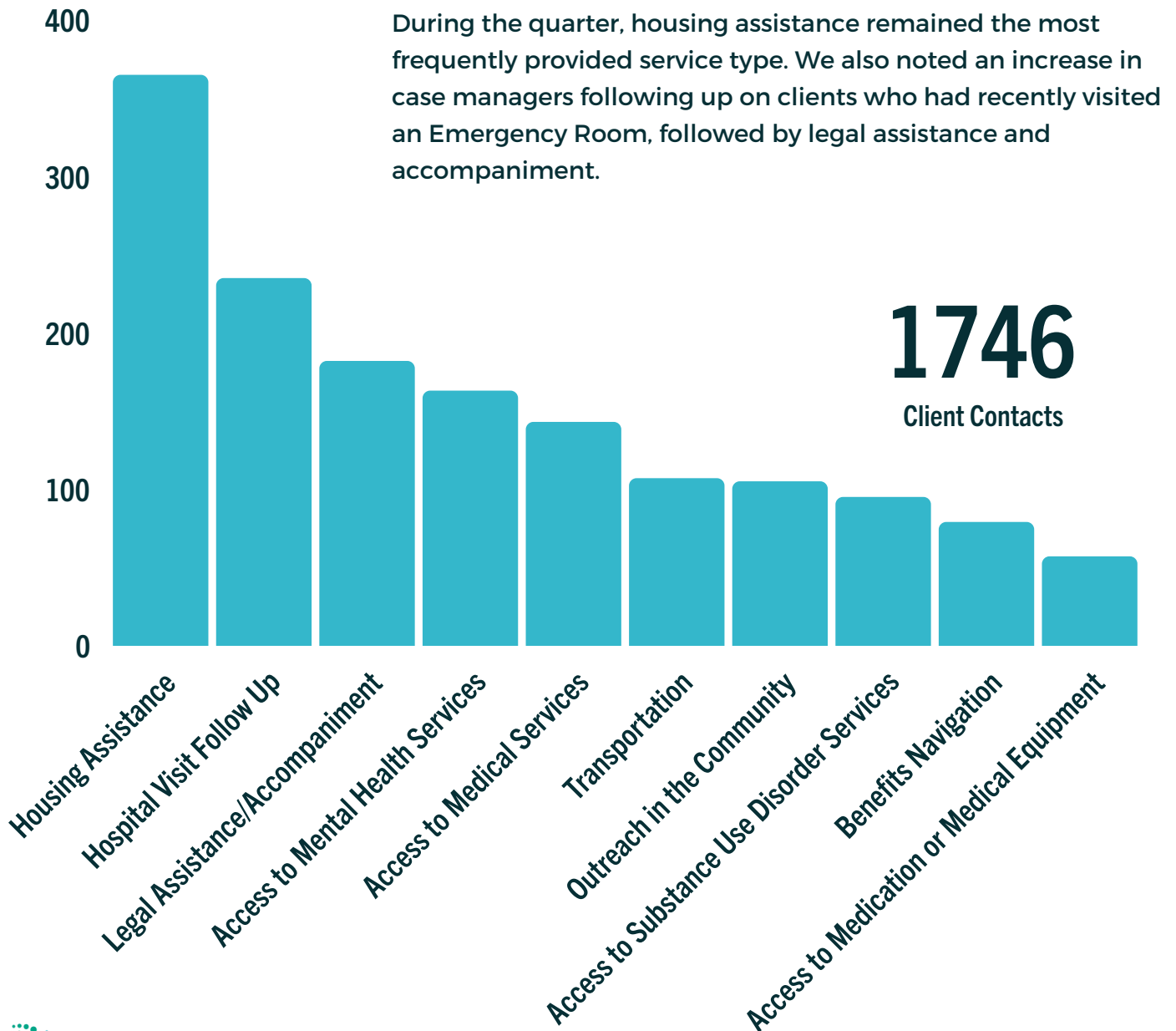


Q2 Services

120
PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED
IN SERVICES

During the second quarter of 2024, 120 people participated in services with Catholic Charities' Care Coordination Services on behalf of Albany LEAD. The contacts per client ranged from **one to 186**, with an average of 15 contacts per client. The chart below presents the most frequent client contact types during the quarter.

FIGURE 1
Top 10 Service Types



Q2 Arrests, Diversions & Referrals

People arrested solely on LEAD-eligible charges:

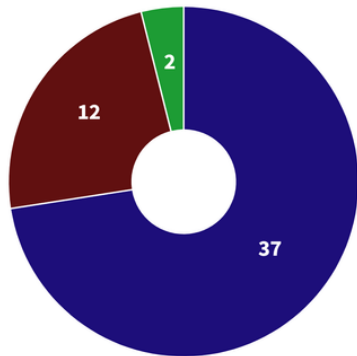
Of all the people arrested during the quarter, we estimate 51 people were arrested solely on LEAD-eligible charges. We call these our “missed opportunities for diversion,” and APD reviews each case after the fact.

Race/Ethnicity	People arrested solely on eligible charges
Black	33
White	13
Another Race	5
Total	51



Why weren't these charges diverted?

Legend: ● Victim declined (37), ● Officer discretion (12), ● Person declined or would not cooperate (2)



The reasons noted for most otherwise eligible cases was that the victim of the alleged charge wanted an arrest. If there is an alleged victim a diversion can only be done with their consent.

In other cases, the reason noted for a person's case not being diverted was officer or detective discretion, and in a minority of cases the person to be offered diversion declined or was believed to be uncooperative.

How many people were diverted/referred to case management?

Race/Ethnicity	Diversions	Referrals	Total
Black	2	0	2
White	1	3	4
Hispanic/Latino(a)(e)	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Total	3	3	6



FIGURE 3

Locations of Diversions/Referrals

Note: Location of diversion/referral may differ from the location where someone lives or stays.

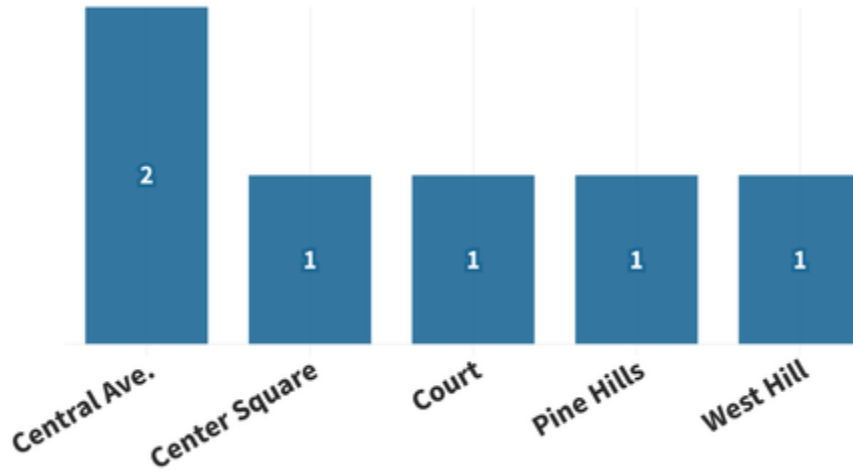
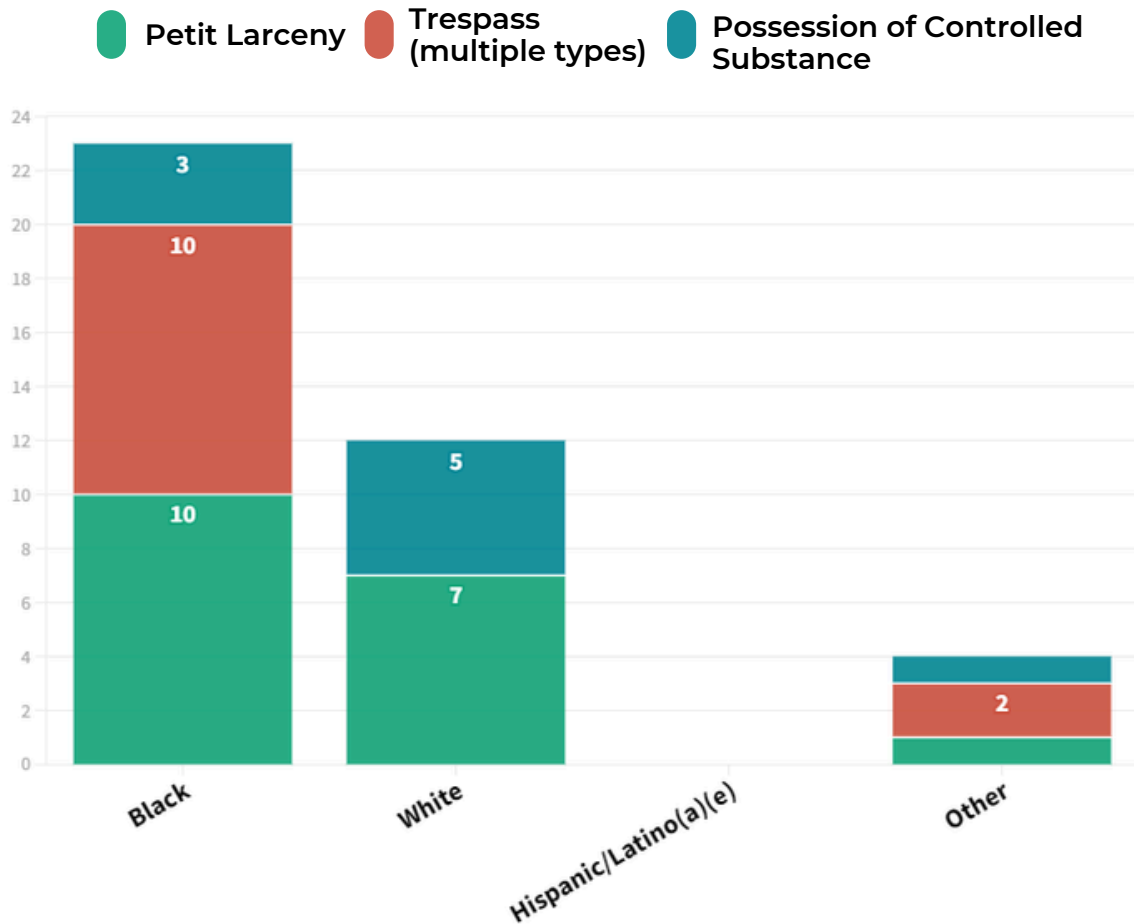


FIGURE 4

Top LEAD-Eligible Charges on Which People Were Arrested

Note: this reflects the top eligible charges--not all eligible charges are reflected. Though a charge may be eligible for LEAD, a person's criminal history, lack of agreement from an alleged victim, and other factors could make the case overall ineligible for diversion.



Racial and Gender Breakdowns

FIGURE 5
Percentage of Eligible Arrests, Diversions, and Referrals by Race in Q2 2024

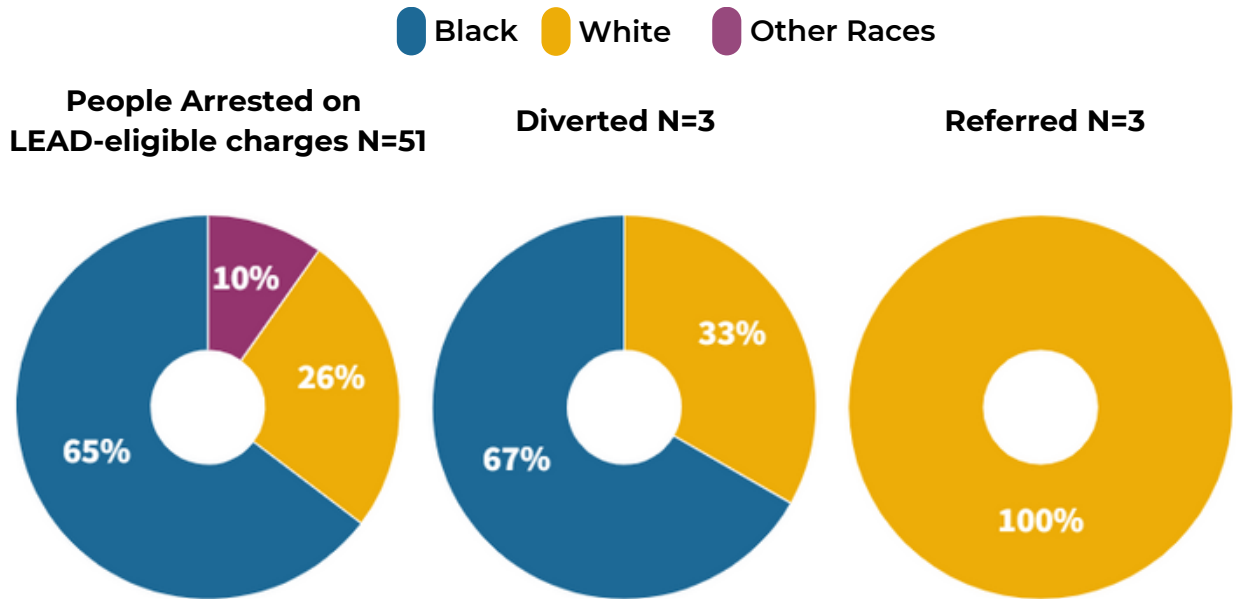


FIGURE 6
Percentage of Eligible Arrests, Diversions, and Referrals by Gender in Q2 2024

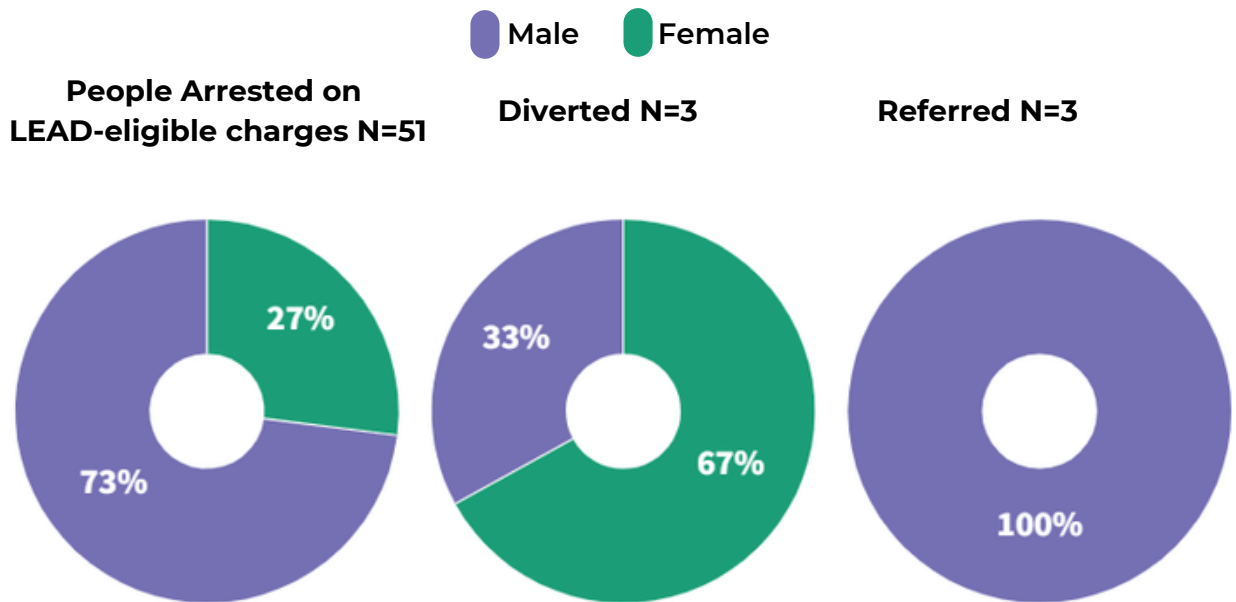


FIGURE 7
LEAD Diversions/Referrals Over Time
 April 1, 2016 – June 30, 2024

Race/ Ethnicity	Diversions	% of Diversions	Social Contact Referrals	% of Social Contact Referrals
Black	120	36.9%	25	35.7%
White	181	55.7%	37	52.9%
Hispanic/ Latino(a)(e)	19	5.8%	6	8.6%
Other Races	5	1.5%	2	2.9%
Total	325	100%	70	100%

