

2023

Pitkin Area Co-Responder Team Annual Report



The Pitkin Area Co-Responder Team (PACT) program pairs a mental health clinician with local law enforcement in response to calls for service that have a behavioral health (BH) or substance use (SU) component. PACT also offers Peer and Case Management Services.

The program is a collaboration between Pitkin County Public Health, Mind Springs Health, the Aspen Police Department, the Pitkin County Sheriff's Office, and the Snowmass Village Police Department.

PROGRAM GOALS



Improve individual outcomes for PACT clients



Identify and address health barriers and inequities for PACT clients



Enhance coordinated responses to the behavioral health needs of PACT clients



31,332
TOTAL DISPATCHED CALLS

648 of the total calls were behavioral health-related

148
ACTIVE CALLS

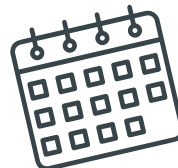
PACT clinician on scene

159
REFERRALS

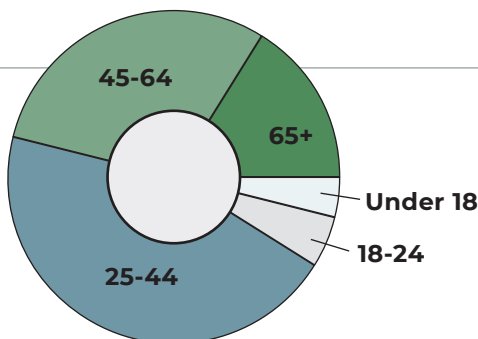
Referral for the PACT team after an active call or from a community partner



1,738
FOLLOW-UPS
PACT follow-ups with individuals after initial PACT encounter or referral



Mondays
Wednesdays
Thursdays
Fridays
Peak Days for PACT



2,050
TOTAL PACT ENCOUNTERS

288 Unique Individuals were served by PACT in 2023
Age Range 12-88 years old



PACT provides harm reduction-specific services:

- Distributing Fentanyl Test Strips
- Distributing Narcan
- Use Reduction/Access Interventions
- Peer Support
- Case Management

Key Takeaways

Resolving Crises on Scene

Co-responders continued to resolve many cases on-scene over the year using de-escalation practices, assessments and needs identification, referrals, and support. PACT has successfully provided clients with the least restrictive disposition possible.

Peer Support

Peer support services remain highly utilized, which speaks to the need for connection in the community. The Peer role is critical to the program's continued success.

Behavioral Health Needs

The number of dispatched calls to the PACT team continues to increase, indicating a growing need in the community for behavioral health support.

Strengthening Relationships

The relationships between the PACT team and Law Enforcement continue to strengthen. Enhanced partnerships have helped to streamline services and promote sustainability.

PACT is funded by grants from the Colorado Behavioral Health Administration's Co-Responder program and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Harm Reduction Grant Fund.

This report presents data collected from an information data platform and from dispatch data.

