

Zero Youth Detention Program Evaluation Data

In quarter 3 and quarter 4 of 2021, we updated the ZYD evaluation plan and reviewed or established performance measures for each ZYD component, including the Community Supports Program, Regional Peacekeepers Collective, and School-Based Behavioral Health Diversion Program.

An external evaluator, Dr. Nikum Pon, is currently working with community partners and program leads to undertake a qualitative assessment that examines relationship and capacity building within the Community Supports Program. This data will be triangulated with results from a pre-post survey that captures program perceptions of the growth of the program thus far.

The Regional Peacekeepers Collective has been leaning into performance measurement and qualitative evaluation as a way of measuring impact, while ensuring that Community Passageways (as the primary convening partner and data hub) maintains a detailed client-level/individual-level list of youth with capacity building support.

Performance measures have been developed and drafted for the Regional Peacekeepers Collective in close collaboration with program and community partners, and we have been actively consulting with other state-based and national stakeholders engaged in similar work.

We have also been actively engaged in discussions with Harborview to coordinate data flow and performance measurement in collaboration with the newly hired hospital interventionist. Alongside quarterly performance measurement reports, we will be gathering rich qualitative data to understand the process of goal setting with youth, identify barriers to referrals for services, and gauge how capacity building and relationship building between partners and between systems affects service provision.

We have also planned a pre-post survey to gather data and assess changes in the level of partnership, collaboration, and alignment between government and system partners as part of the Regional Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

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