

Seattle Misdemeanor Pre-Filing Diversion Program

A service-based alternative to prosecution and detention



Presentation to Gender Equity, Safe Communities & New Americans
Committee

Initial Implementation Plan

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Program Leadership

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Jurisdiction

- City Criminal Jurisdiction –

Majority of misdemeanors and gross misdemeanors committed in Seattle by individuals 18 years or older and misdemeanor/gross misdemeanor driving offenses committed by individuals 16 years or older



Diversion

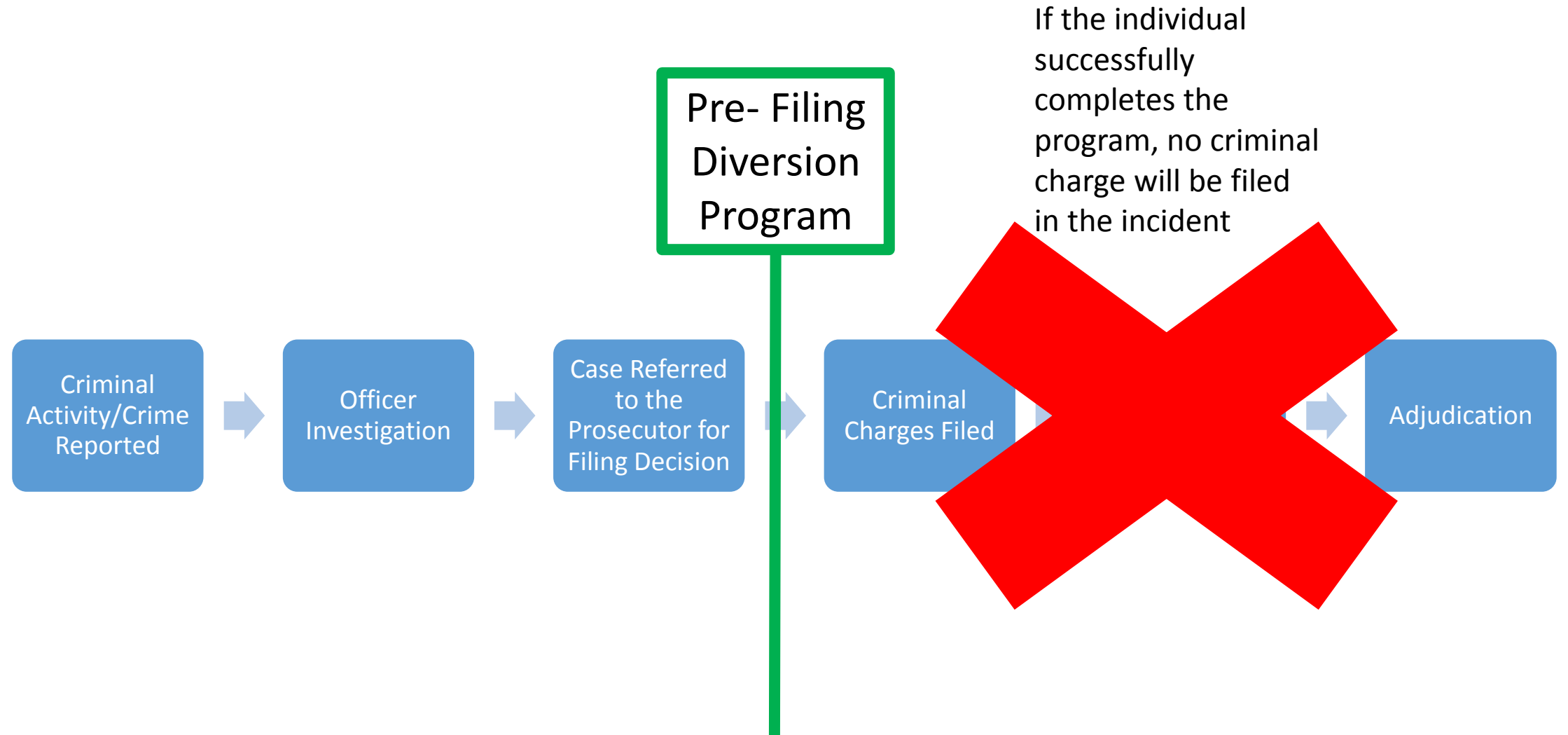
- Post-Filing Diversion Programs –

Diversion after initiation of criminal charges. Therapeutic-based sentencing alternatives. Typically a reduced or dismissed criminal charge and/or reduced sentencing recommendation.

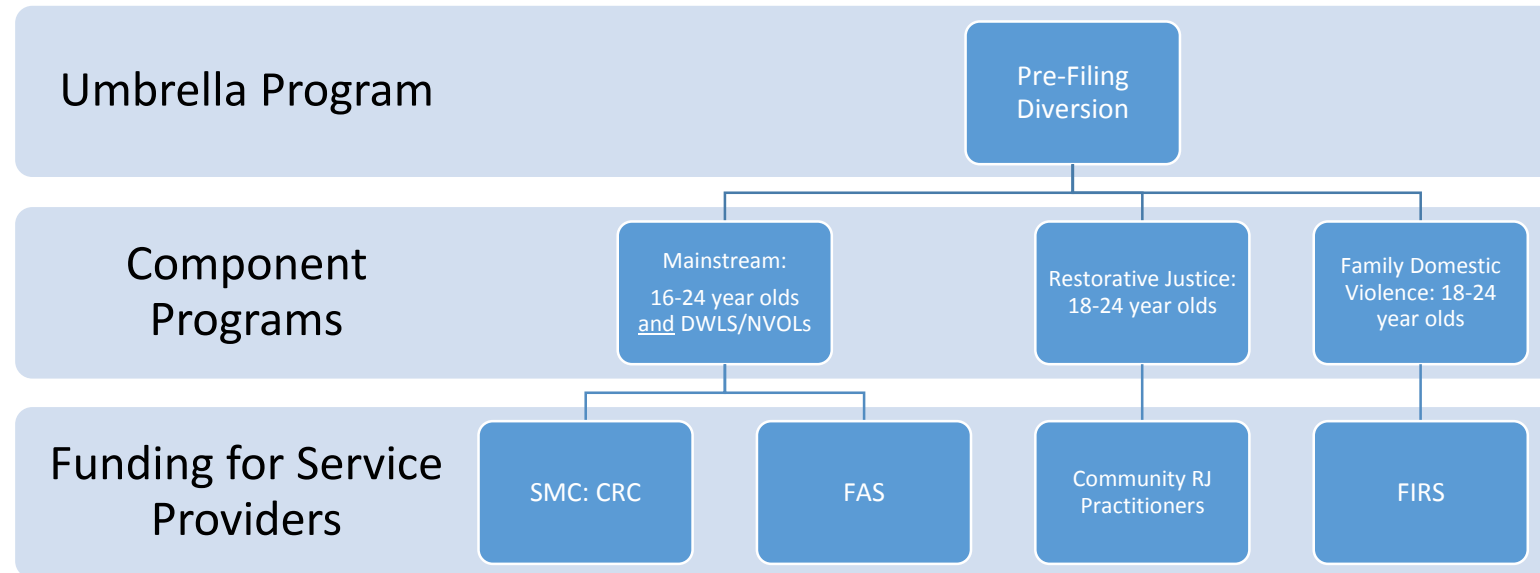
- Pre-Filing Diversion –

Diversion, typically after investigation/arrest, but before initiation of criminal charge by prosecutor. Access to services without triggering collateral consequences. Avoid criminal charge.

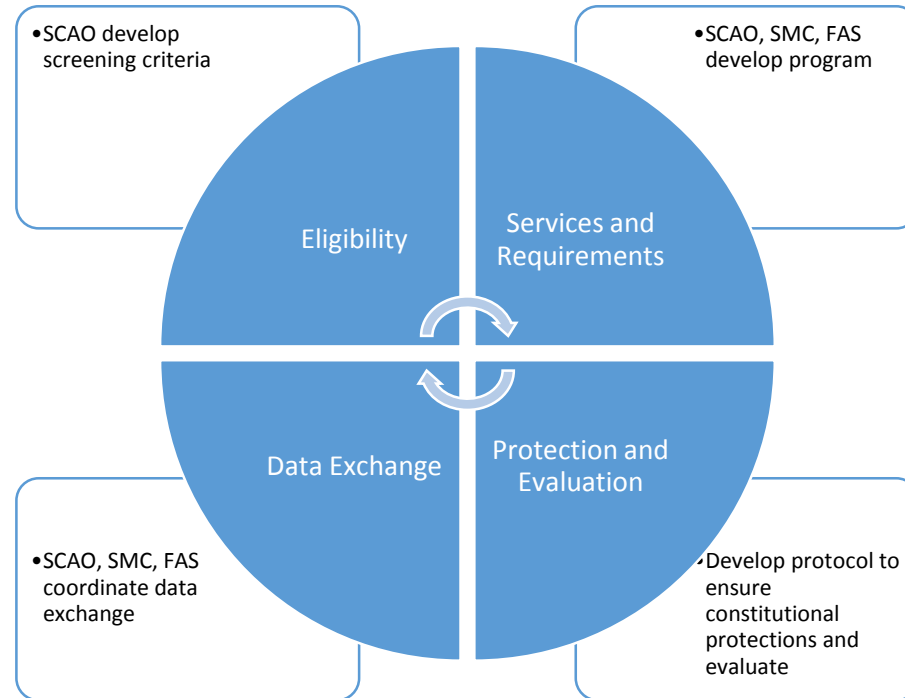




Program Structure



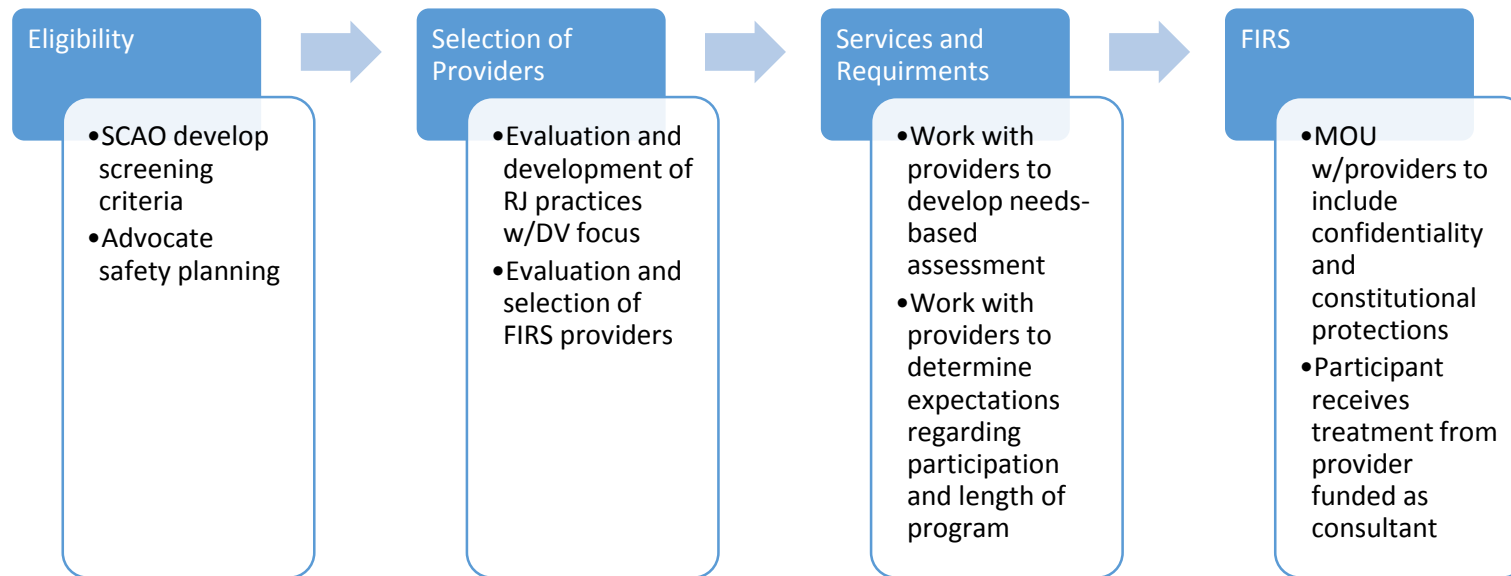
Mainstream Pre-Filing Diversion



Restorative Justice Diversion



Family Domestic Violence Diversion



Questions

We appreciate the funding allocated by Council to develop these programs and look forward to implementation.

