

Pre-Filing Diversion Expansion Pilot

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Agenda

City Attorney's Office

- History and Overview of Pre-Filing Diversion
- Pre-File Diversion Data and Statistics

Human Services Department

- Council Budget Action (CBA) Overview
- Pilot Contracting Development and Overview
- Contracting Plan
- Program Models
- Contract Performance Metrics
- Questions



Pre-Filing Diversion Introduction

- Is an important alternative to traditional prosecution
- Is fully supported by the Davison Administration

The Team:



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PFD Supervisor



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PFD Lead

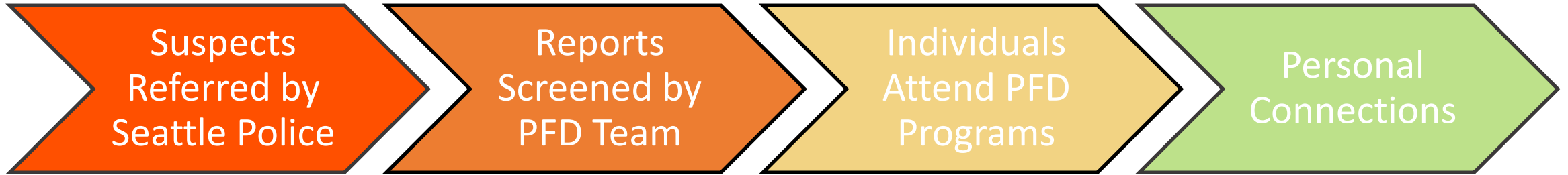


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PFD Paralegal

Trainings Hosted:



Overview of Pre-Filing Diversion



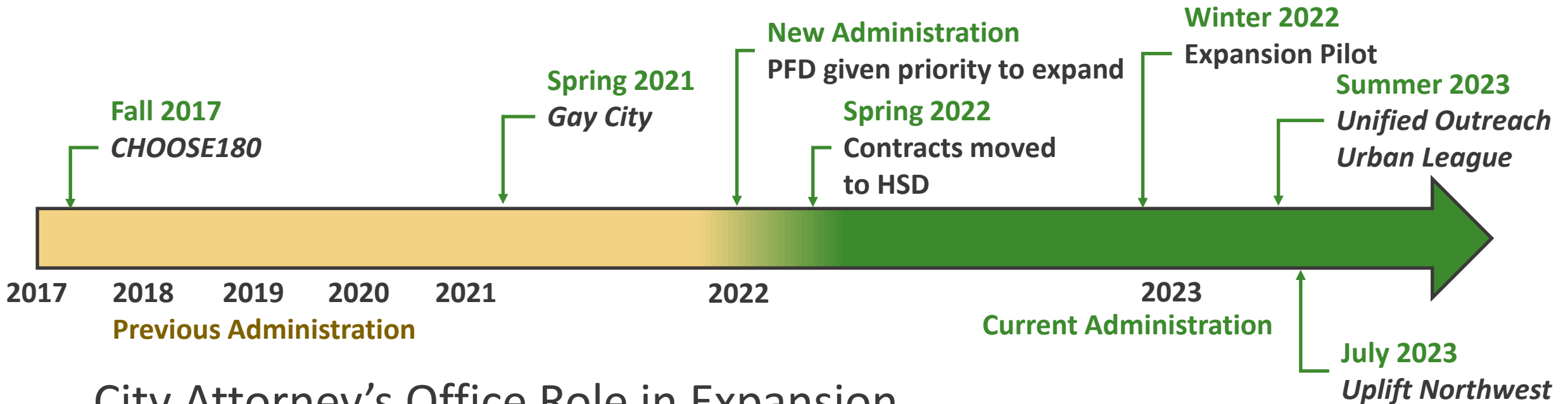
Every misdemeanor in the City Attorney's Office starts with a referral from the Seattle Police Department for prosecution on specific charges.

Assistant City Prosecutors use their experience and discretion to link eligible individuals to the appropriate PFD provider. Victim input is an important part of the screening process.

Participants are given two months to attend a program otherwise they are returned to mainstream options. Successfully completing a program results in their case never being filed thus avoiding the court system.

PFD providers give a more individualized touch than traditional courts. CHOOSE180 stays in contact with participants beyond graduation to help guide them towards better outcomes.

Pre-File Diversion History and Expansion

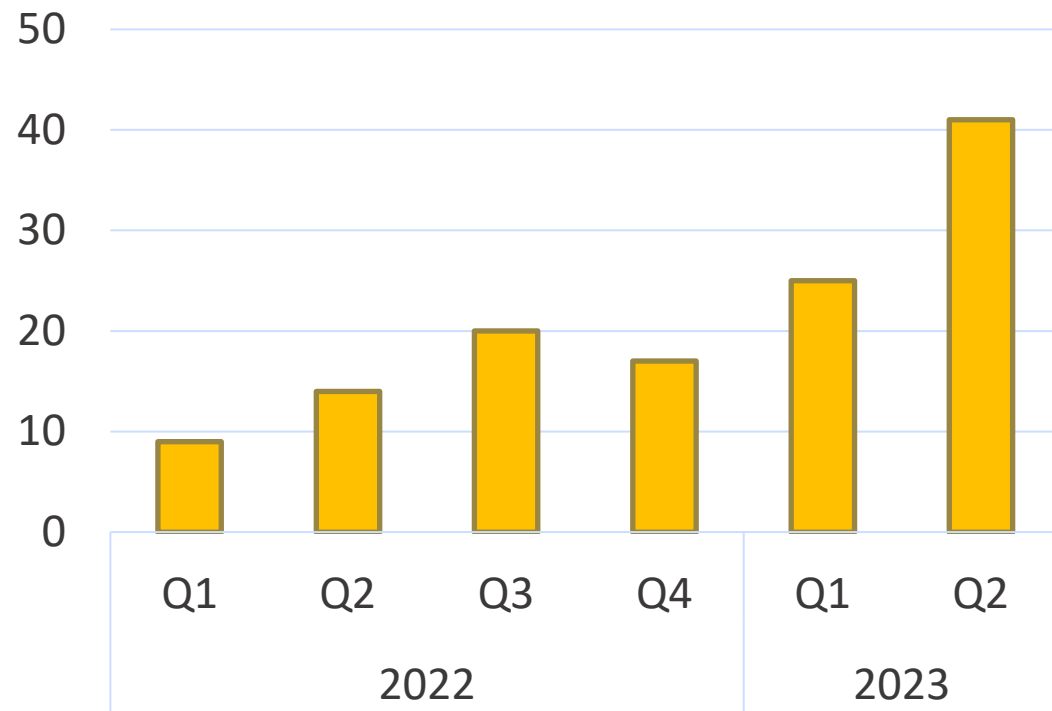


City Attorney's Office Role in Expansion

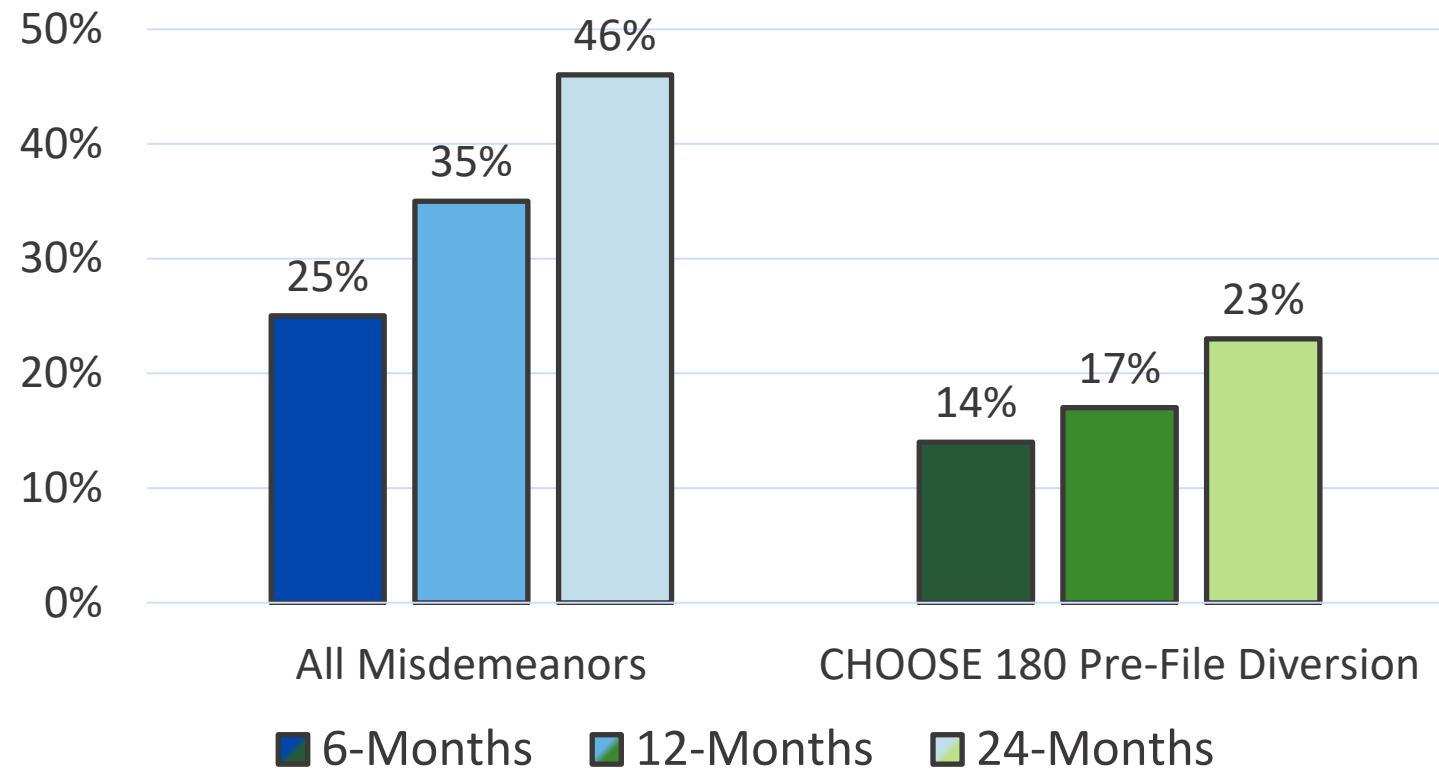
- Introduce and connect community organizations to HSD
- Assist throughout contract process
- Actively pursue additional community partners

Data and Statistics

Referrals Declined After Successful Pre-File Diversion



Referral Based Recidivism



Council Budget Action (CBA) Overview

- CBA HSD-022-B-001 was passed as part of the 2022 budget and is ongoing.
- It adds “\$750,000 GF to the Human Services Department (HSD) to contract with community-based organizations partnering with the City Attorney’s Office (CAO) on pre-filing diversion for individuals 25 and older...”
- This budget action was informed by the Council-funded Racial Equity Toolkit conducted by LAW in 2020 assessing the concept.

Contract Development and Overview

- **Q1:** CAO revisited and facilitated conversations with potential agencies and assessed their respective program models, budgets, and overall project implementation feasibility. CAO made introductions between HSD and prospective providers.
- **Q2:** During contract negotiations, HSD partnered with CAO to clarify program-specific details on the referral process and program parameters for agencies' contracts.
- **Ongoing:** CAO is point of contact for questions surrounding referral and program model logistics and HSD leads on contract-specific requirements.

Contracting Plan

Agency Name	Contract Amount	Contract Term	Expected # of program graduates
Unified Outreach	\$39,000	5/1/2023 – 12/31/2023	100
Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle	\$163,090†	5/1/2023 – 12/31/2023	75
Uplift NW	\$50,000	7/1/2023 – 12/31/2023	100
PHSKC; Jail Health Services: Therapeutic Alternative Diversion Program	\$179,247†	8/1/2023 – 7/31/2024	50‡
TOTAL	\$431,337*		325

* Total funds estimated for spending in 2023 currently amounts to \$325,811 due to the PHSKC budget spanning across FY23 and FY24.

† Includes staffing costs

‡ Number of projected annual program graduates

Program Models

Unified Outreach

- 6-hour sessions serving up to 20 individuals.
- Program employs expert consultants in fields of early childhood trauma, domestic violence, penal system, addiction recovery, and more.
- Participants are surveyed before and after sessions.

Program Models

Urban League

- 4-week program model
- Participants undergo screening and assessment and attend weekly sessions about life skills, trauma informed care, financial literacy, digital literacy, job readiness.
- Participants are connected to social services for basic needs and are eligible to receive up to \$500 towards support services and \$200 in stipends for each week they attend.

Program Models

Uplift NW

- 1-week interview to hire process program model; continued client participation can span several months once hired.
- Individuals referred complete a job application and interview.
- Upon successful completion, applicants will be scheduled for additional screening, paperwork, orientation.
- Once hired, all individuals are eligible to participate in temp staffing, job training, certifications, and supportive services at Uplift NW.

Program Models

PHSKC; Jail Health Services: Therapeutic Alternative Diversion Program

- 2 - 4 month program model
- Care Coordinators use a bio/psycho/social intake to determine appropriate needs and refer clients to community-based providers.
- Care Coordinators provide short-term case management and resources as a bridge until connection with a community-based provider is secured.
- The JHS Diversion Team will survey participants upon program completion. Surveys will be attempted for participants who do not complete the program.

Contract Performance Metrics

Agencies will be report monthly on:

1. # of referrals from CAO
2. # of unduplicated participants who enroll
3. # of participants who graduate
4. # of participants who reported at least one need met
5. **(TAD Only)** # of visits with Care Coordinators

QUESTIONS?

