

RAPID DIVERSION PROGRAM 2021 YEAR IN REVIEW



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Pre-plea mental health (MH) diversion:

- Rapid, in-court clinical MH assessment
- Linkage to MH and Substance Use Disorder services via dedicated in-court navigator
- High-touch case management and routine progress reporting
- Case dismissed after 1-2 years of successful treatment
- Collaborative across defense, prosecution, clinical providers, and courts

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Operating at 6 courthouses
- 600+ clients diverted and linked to services
- 80% completion rate (*current*)
- 96% of graduates have had no further contact with the criminal justice system

2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 1,300 clinical assessments
- 450 cases diverted
- 75 participants graduated + cases dismissed
- Opened at 2 new courthouses (Lancaster, Compton)
- Expanded into felony courts



"This case was a wake up call to take my symptoms seriously and to take my medication. Whenever I feel weak I have people (from RDP) I can reach out to. I'm very thankful for them. I have learned that I need to take care of myself. I now have healthier habits and I feel optimistic."

- 2021 RDP Graduate

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR STAFF AND CHAMPIONS

- 35 clinical, resource navigator, and case management staff from DMH and P180
- 15 coordinators/program leads representing the Offices of the Public Defender and Alternate Public Defender
- The District Attorney, Los Angeles City Attorney, Long Beach City Attorney, Long Beach City Prosecutor, Santa Monica City Attorney and their staff for their efforts to break the cycle and connect residents to meaningful services
- MacArthur Foundation

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