

Mental Health Co-Responder Program

A Partnership Between
The Gainesville Police Department
and Meridian Behavioral Healthcare

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Gainesville.
Citizen centered
People empowered

CO-RESPONDER TEAM COMPONENTS

- ▶ One GPD full time dedicated police officer
- ▶ One Meridian full time dedicated masters level clinician
- ▶ GPD provided marked police car
- ▶ Training and support offered by both organizations as needed
- ▶ Office space and staff support through Meridian for case management, staffings etc.

CO-RESPONDER PROGRAM

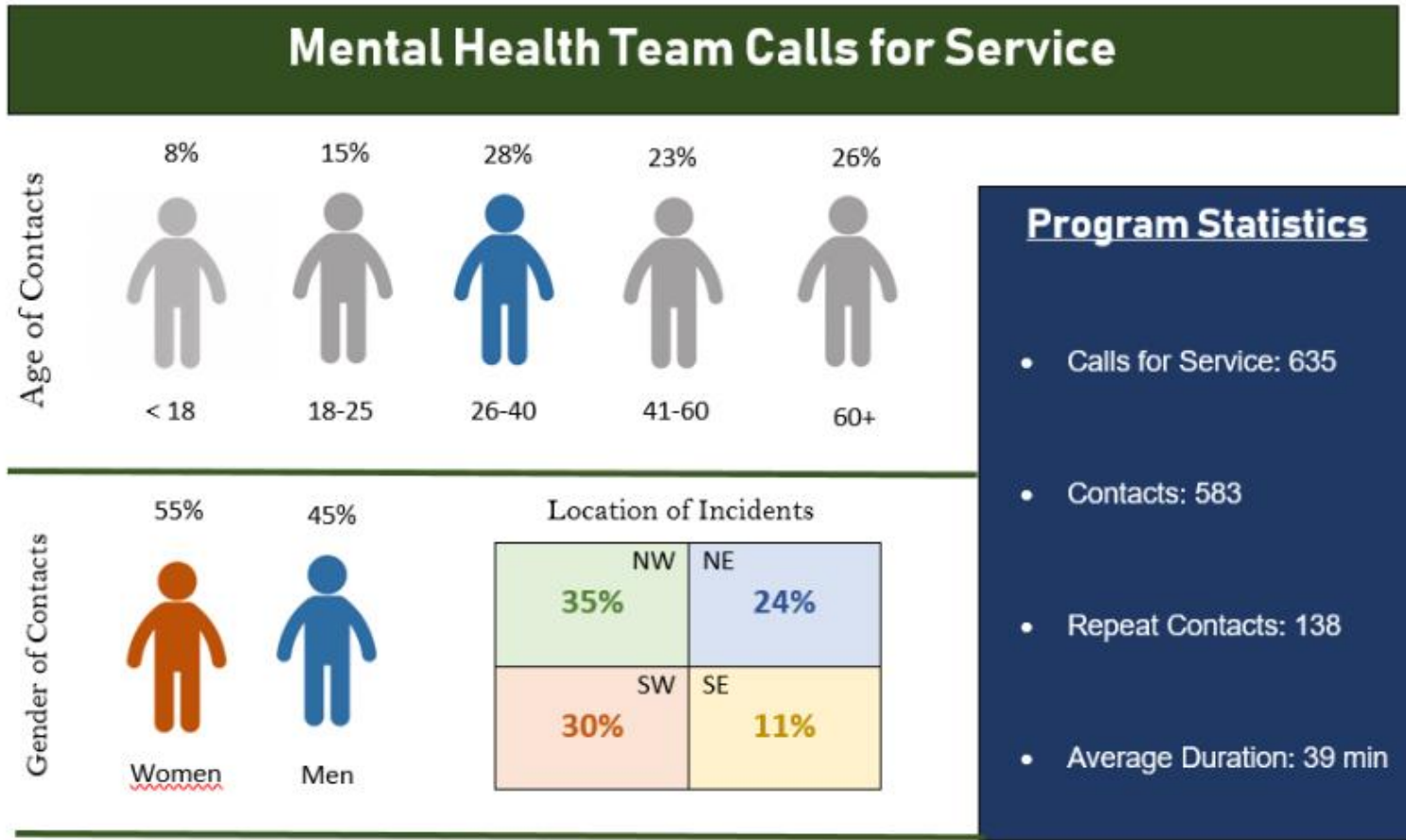
In April 2018, GPD and Meridian Behavioral Healthcare partnered to deploy a team consisting of one uniform police officer and one master's level clinician riding together in the field:

- Responding to emergent and other calls for service involving mental health crisis in the community
- Utilizing a holistic approach to serving those who have deteriorated due to mental illness
- De-escalating crisis
- Providing and linking citizens to services
- Providing empathetic follow ups
- Working toward jail diversion
- Addressing high utilizer problems

2018-2019 CO-RESPONDER PROGRAM DATA

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April 1, 2018-March, 31 2019



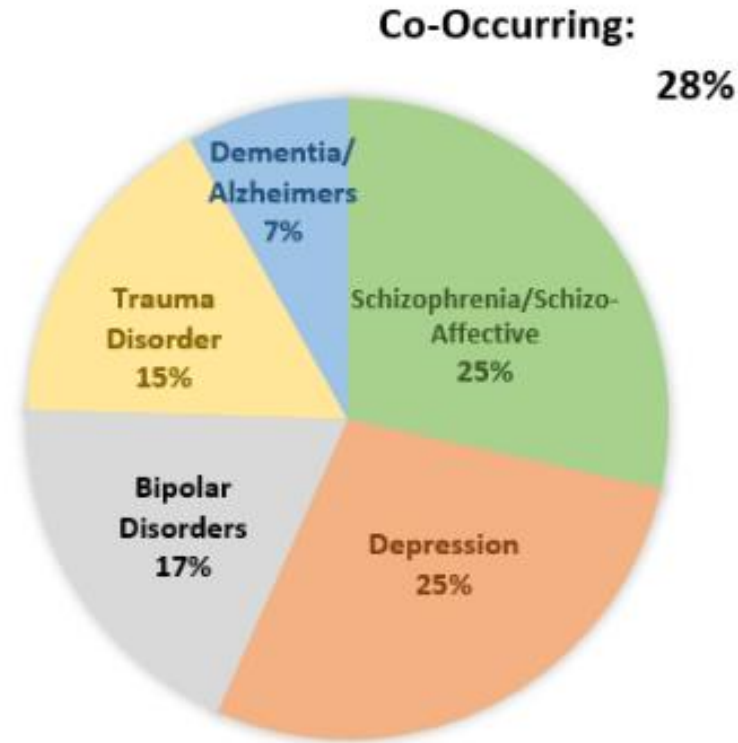
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Only **33%** of individuals that called for service are in treatment at the time of initial contact.

71 Jail Diversions

73 Baker Act Diversions

Of the calls for service received, **66%** had a current mental health and/or substance use diagnosis.



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Mental Health Team Calls for Service

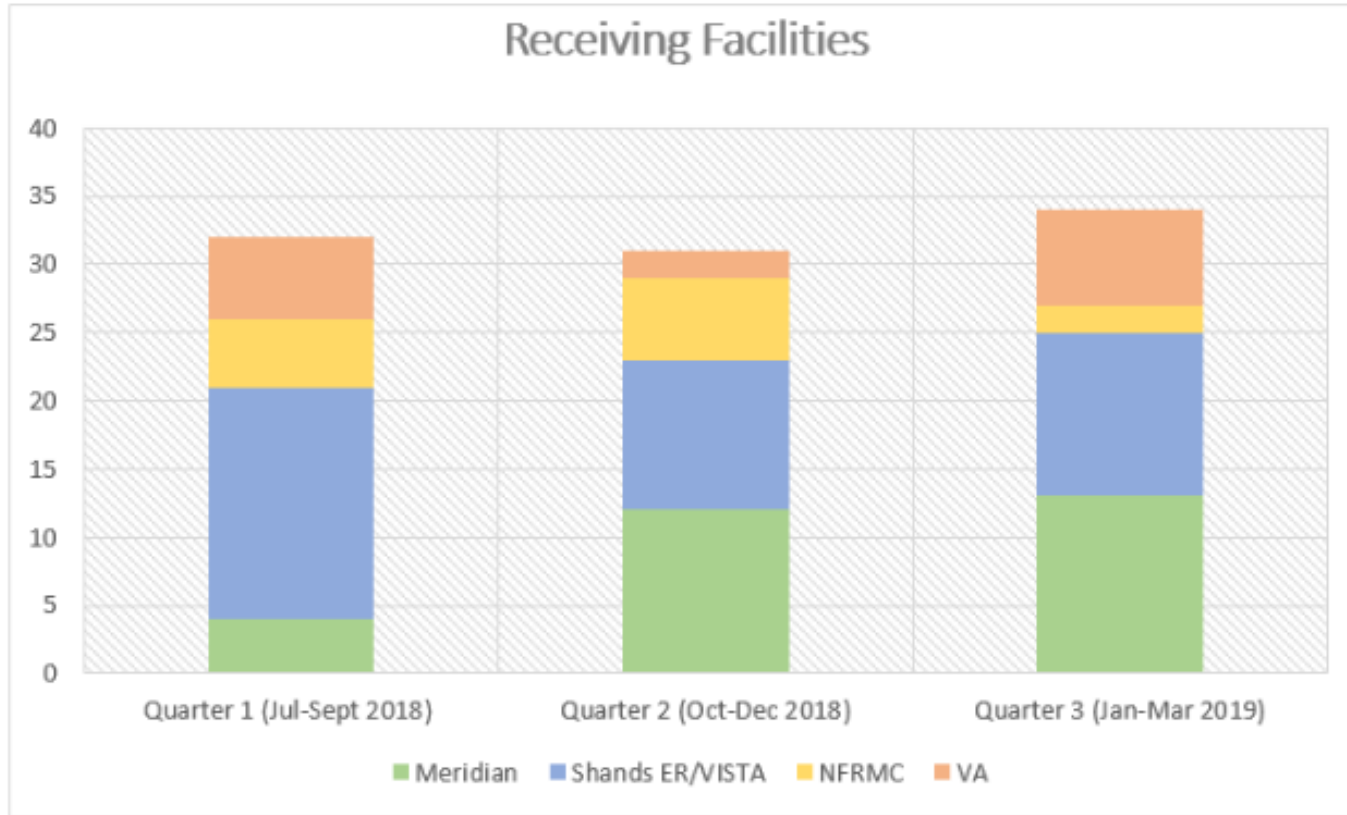
Program Statistics

- Highest Call Volume:
Afternoon
- Homeless: 20%
- Veterans: 9%

Mental Health Team was able to divert **80%** of individuals contacted who would have been Baker Acted by referring them to mental health outpatient treatment or admit them on a voluntary basis for inpatient treatment.

Mental Health Team was also able to divert **89%** of individuals contacted that could have been arrested on scene. This saved the jail approximately \$238,560.

2018-2019 CO-RESPONDER PROGRAM DATA



Involuntary Inpatient: 30
Voluntary: 49
Transports: 39

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- ▶ Alachua County Crisis Center
- ▶ Department of Children and Families (DCF)
- ▶ Center for Autism Related Disabilities (CARD)
- ▶ Eldercare of Alachua County
- ▶ Gainesville Opportunities Center (GOC)
- ▶ Gainesville Peer Respite
- ▶ Malcolm Randall VA Medical Center
- ▶ Mental Health Resource Center (MHRC) Florida Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) Program
- ▶ Meridian Behavioral Healthcare
- ▶ National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
- ▶ North Florida Regional Medical Center Behavioral Health Unit (BHU)
- ▶ Shands ER, Shands VISTA
- ▶ 8th Judicial Circuit

GPD IMPLEMENTATIONS

- ▶ Self-Care for Law Enforcement Officers
 - ▶ Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) team
 - ▶ Resilience and stress management incorporated into In-Service
- ▶ Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) added to new officer training
- ▶ Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training
- ▶ De-Escalation Training
- ▶ Improved data collection