

OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY (ODR)

Care First Community Investment Town Hall
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ODR'S PURPOSE: Diversion from Justice System to Community



LEAD: Pre-arrest diversion that helps prevent incarceration and end homelessness for clients who have frequent law enforcement contact – addressing substance use, mental health and housing. **738 Served**

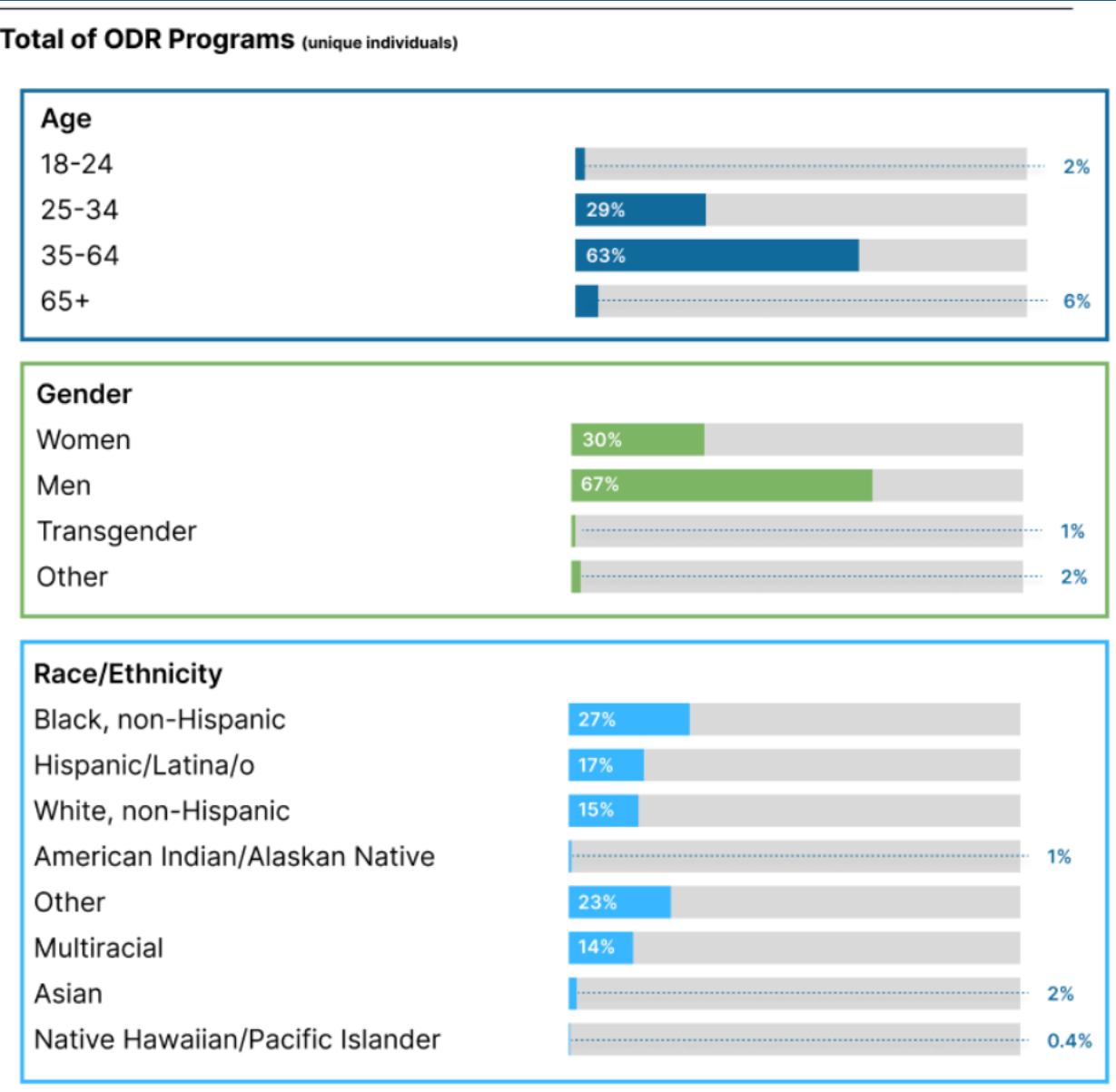
ODR Housing: Jail-based diversion program for clients who are homeless, have a serious mental health disorder and charged with a felony. They receive housing, clinical care and case management. **6,884 Released**

ODR SUPPORTS CFCI & COUNTY PRIORITIES

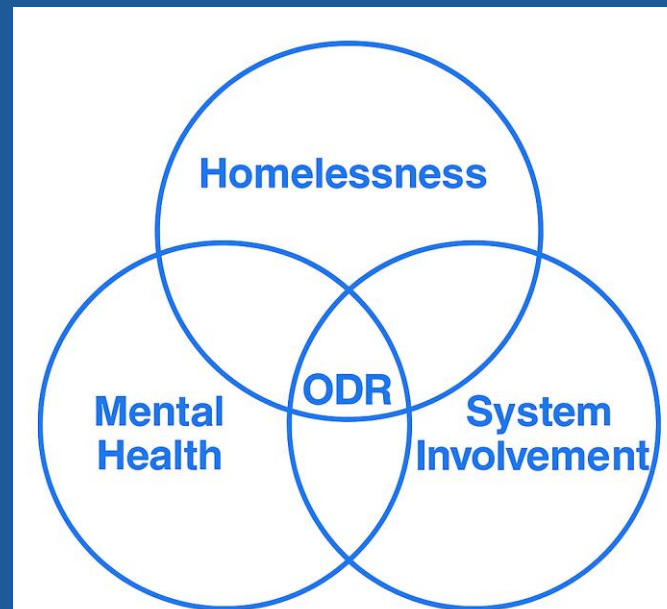


- Reduces jail population and supports Men's Central Jail closure
- Prevents incarceration and reincarceration
- Supports Department of Justice compliance settlement to improve care in our jails
- Addresses homelessness and provides stable housing (LA County Homelessness Emergency)

SERVES PRIORITY POPULATIONS



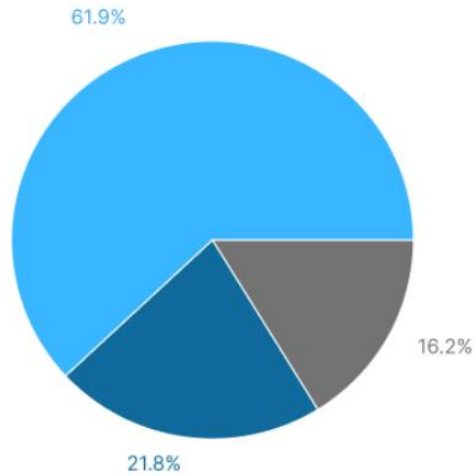
- Racially/ethnically diverse clients
- Experiencing homelessness
- Serious and persistent mental illness
- Many also with physical health conditions and substance use disorders
- Justice-system involved
- Across all regions of LA County



JUSTICE, HEALTH & HOUSING IMPACTS

Client Rebookings After ODR Enrollment

This graph describes the change in rebookings for ODR participants, two years before and two years after enrollment.



■ Improved: 61.9% (5619) ■ Worsened: 16.2% (1470) ■ No Change: 21.8% (1982)

Clinical Outcomes



Hospitalizations



Primary Care Visits



ED Visits



Psychiatric Hospitalizations

Housing Outcomes



380,067

Fewer Days Spent in Jail

Across All ODR Programs

This represents the number of fewer days spent in jail two years after ODR enrollment vs two years before.

55.8%

Total Reduction in Rebookings

Across All ODR Programs

Based on total Pre-Post comparison using equal 2-year time windows

LEAD Clients After One Year:

- 5 X less felony arrests and cases
- Spent 4 X fewer months
- 35% fewer misdemeanor arrests

CFCI INVESTMENT: \$50.4 million

ODR HOUSING: \$20.6 million. Nearly **90%** to Community-Based Organizations



LEAD/ODR HOUSING: \$29.8 million. Approximately **93%** to Community-Based Organizations



Underspend: \$17.6m. Challenges: Construction and licensing delays on acute and subacute beds, long project plan approval time, need to use unrestricted (non-CFCI) funds first, permitting and occupancy delays on Permanent Supportive Housing.

ANTICIPATE FULL SPEND DOWN IN FY 26-

GAPS & CHALLENGES

ODR Housing about to reach enrollment cap in July --> reduce releases by 50+%

Need resources to divert moderate acuity clients

LEAD expansion and permanent supportive housing needed

Funding for 1,000 new slots over 12-18 months is needed to continue jail releases at the current rate

OPPORTUNITIES & NEXT STEPS

Move all eligible moderate to high acuity individuals into ODR housing and treatment

Maximize Medicaid billing for sustainability

Identify funding for permanent housing

Identify housing subsidies for all LEAD clients

Obtain immediate resources or reallocate funds to bridge to new opportunities