

ATLANTA POLICING ALTERNATIVES & DIVERSION (PAD) INITIATIVE



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Summary

Serving: Atlanta, Georgia (pop. 510,823)

Operating Since: October 2017

Current Budget: \$4.5M

Alternative Response Model: Non-profit that receives funding through contract with the City of Atlanta

Website: [🌐 Policing Alternatives & Diversion Initiative](#)

Team Composition

1. Community Response Team - “on the ground” community responders and referral coordinators who dispatch responders
2. Community Engagement Team - community engagement specialists and coordinators for training and volunteering
3. Care Navigation Team- care navigators with legal navigator and a housing manager

Call types:	disturbances, public indecency, welfare, mental health, substance use, basic needs, public health
Staff:	40 to 50 employees
Training:	In-person harm reduction, first aid, and de-escalation training, combined with an ongoing online training database. New responders accompany an experienced team for 90 days during their training period
Calls responded to per month:	around 130
Dispatch Process:	Responder units are dispatched via 311 Call Center and referrals from Atlanta Police Department, 7am – 12am, Monday - Friday.

Photos

