

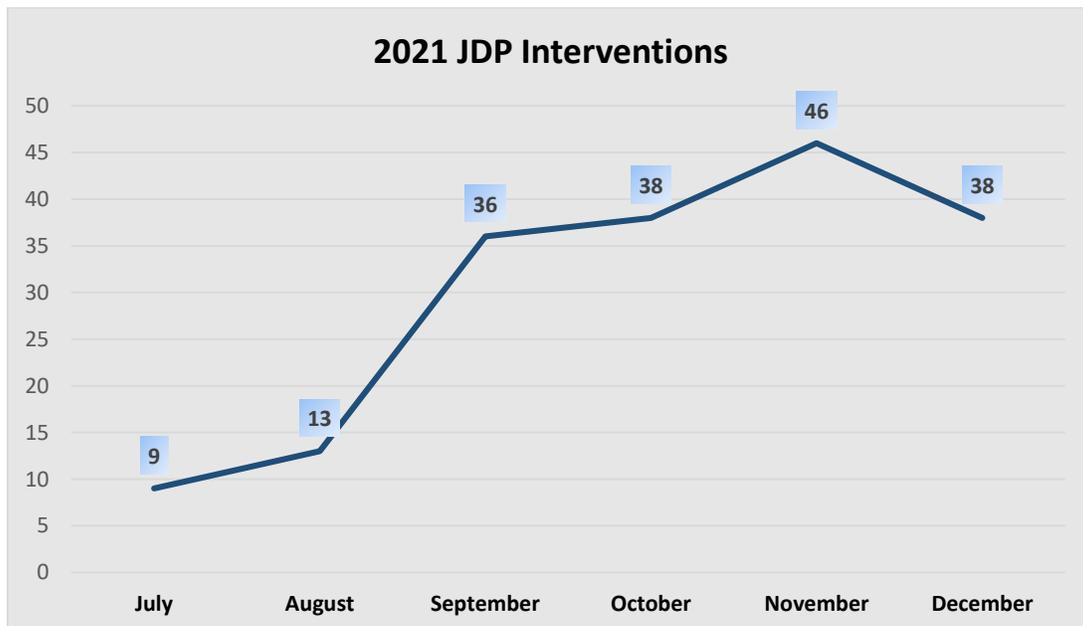
## Lowell Jail Diversion Program 2021 Semi-Annual Report

The Lowell Jail Diversion Program (JDP) was launched in July of 2020 and pairs specially trained crisis clinician(s) from Advocates Inc, with police officers at the Lowell Police Department. These embedded clinician(s) respond to calls for service and 911 calls with patrol officers; providing immediate on-scene de-escalation, assessment, and referrals for individuals in crisis. The primary goal of the Lowell JDP is to re-direct individuals committing non-violent offences out of the criminal justice system and into more appropriate community based behavioral health services.

### JDP Interventions

On-scene crisis interventions are facilitated through the dual response of police and clinician to calls for service involving individuals in crisis. Chart 1 represents the **180** individuals referred to the Lowell Jail Diversion Program clinician(s) by Lowell police officers from July to December of 2021.

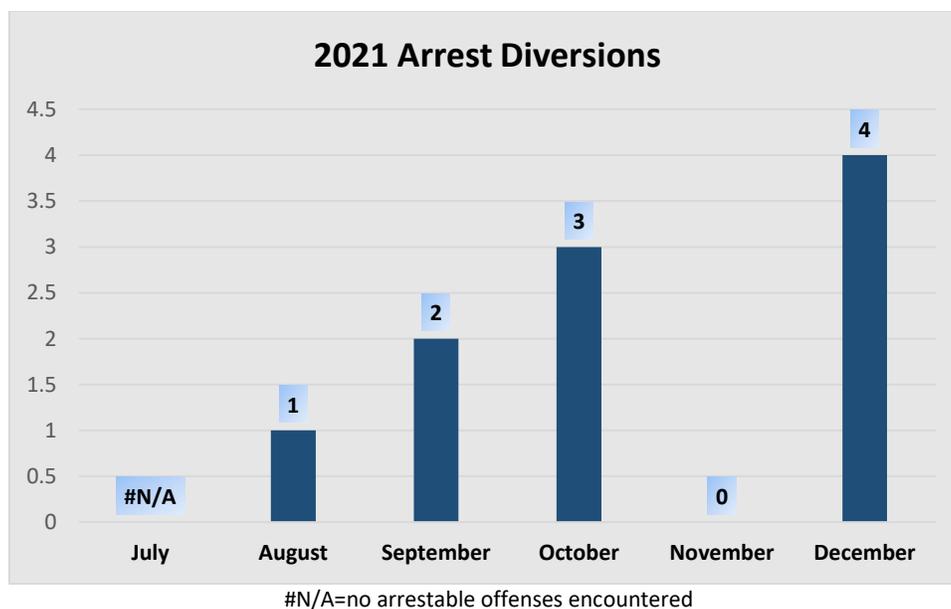
Chart 1: Lowell Co-Response Interventions



## Diversions from Arrest

The primary goal of the Lowell Jail Diversion Program is to divert low-level offenders away from the criminal justice system and into more appropriate, community-based behavioral health treatment. From July to December, a total of **10** individuals with behavioral health conditions were diverted from arrest by Lowell police officers and into treatment facilitated by JDP clinician(s). The average percentage of those eligible for arrest diversion who were diverted is **51%**. Chart 2 represents the percentage of diversions from arrest by month.

Chart 2: Lowell JDP Arrest Diversions



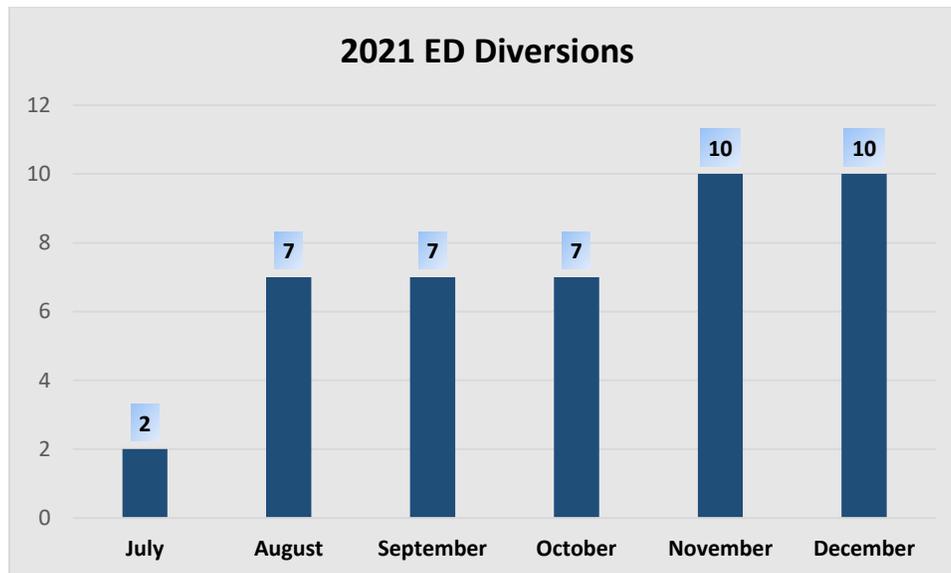
In addition to the benefit of diverting individuals in crisis from arrest, these diversions represent an *estimated* cost savings of **\$25,200\*** to the criminal justice system (\$2,520 per arrest event).

## Diversions from the Emergency Department

A secondary goal of the Lowell Jail Diversion Program is to decrease the frequency of individuals with behavioral health conditions being referred to the hospital emergency department (ED) for psychiatric assessment by Lowell police officers. From July to December, **43** individuals were diverted from unnecessary hospital admissions due to the presence of a JDP clinician on scene;

to facilitate assessment treatment recommendations. Chart 3 represents the monthly hospital ED diversions facilitated by the Lowell JDP team.

Chart 3: Lowell Emergency Department Diversions



In addition to the benefits of receiving care outside of the hospital, these emergency department diversions represent *estimated* health care cost savings of **\$172,000\*** (\$4,000 per ED diversion).

Combined, estimated cost savings due to arrest and emergency department diversion activity equals **\$197,200\***.

Thank you for your partnership!

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\*Formula cited in "Massachusetts Department of Mental Health Report on Pre-Arrest Jail Diversion Programs", presented by Dr. Deborah Pinals, Assistant Commissioner for Forensic Services, Massachusetts State House, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009.