

Outreach Fort Collins December 2017 Program and Data Update

Total Contacts: 155

Police Contacts: 14

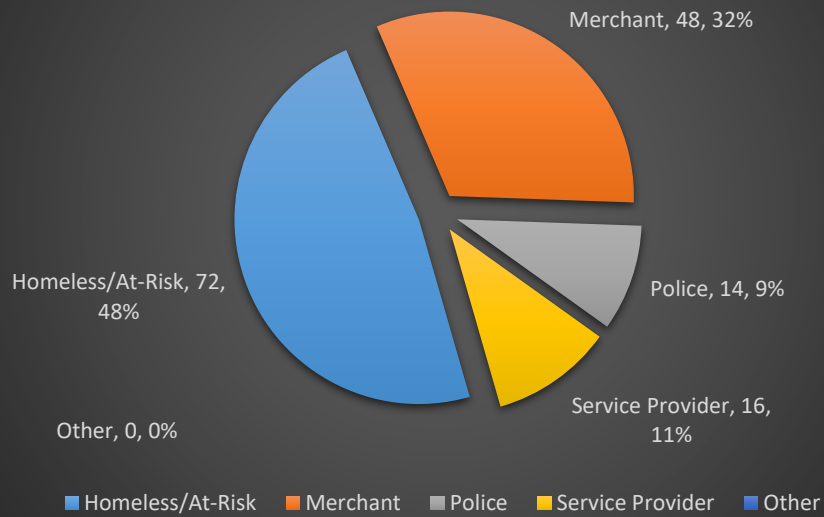
Homeless/At-Risk Contacts: 72

Service Provider Contacts: 16

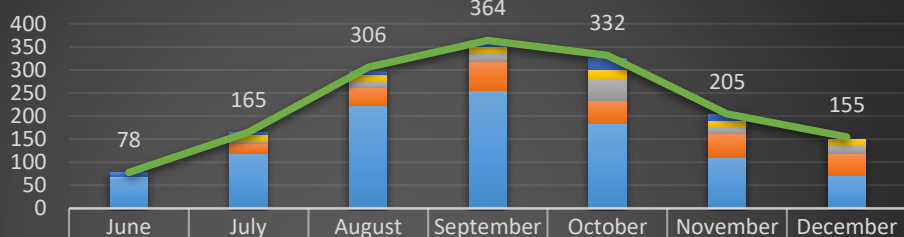
Merchant Contacts: 48

Other Contacts: 0

Contacts By Population, November 2016

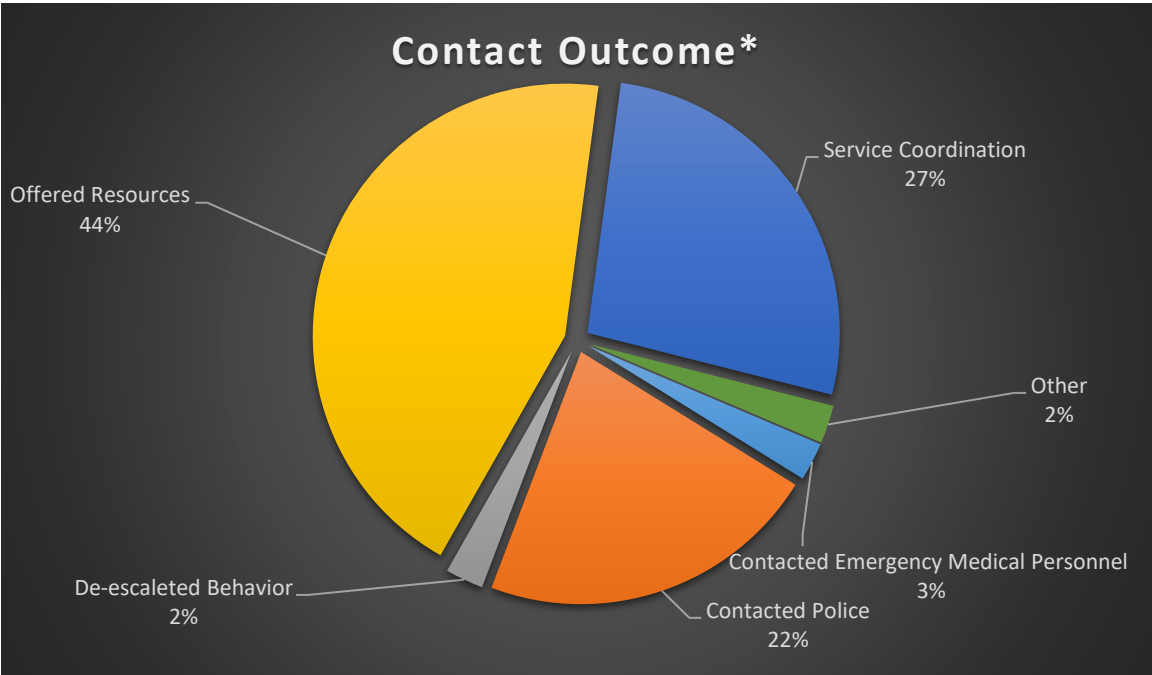
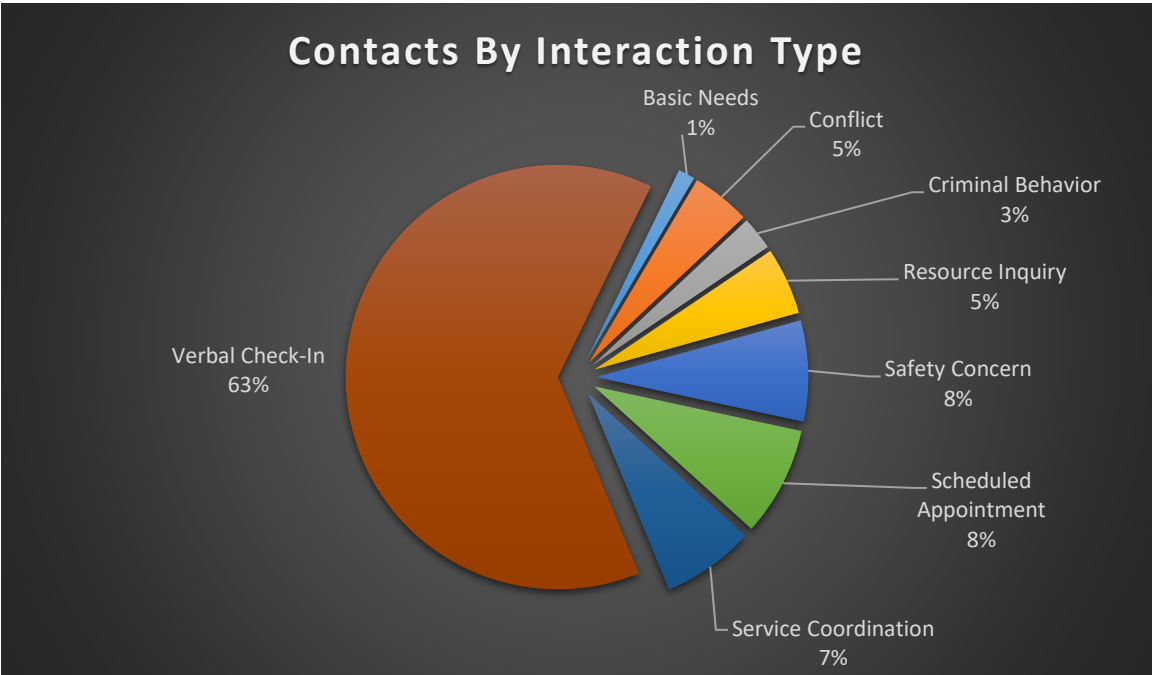


Contacts By Month



	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Other	8	5	6	14	24	14	0
Service Provider	2	12	14	14	22	12	14
Police	2	7	15	17	45	16	16
Merchant	0	21	38	64	49	51	48
Homeless/At-risk	66	120	223	255	185	111	72
Total Contacts	78	165	306	364	332	205	155

■ Homeless/At-risk ■ Merchant ■ Police
■ Service Provider ■ Other ■ Total Contacts



*Contacts with an outcome of “No Action Necessary” have been removed

December Data Analysis

December data reflects seasonal trends in contact frequency and type. As a result of colder weather, homeless and at-risk individuals had increased options for appropriate indoor facilities, including the Murphy Center, extended night shelter hours at the Fort Collins Rescue

Mission and Catholic Charities, warming shelter options through Knights of Columbus, The Mennonite Church, Grace Presbyterian Church and Community of Christ Church, as well as extended shelter options and space through Safe Place To Rest Program- a new, by need emergency sheltering protocol operated by the Fort Collins Office of Social Sustainability. Through these combined efforts, as well as additional efforts by City Council, the Fort Collins Police Departments, Local Non-Profit Agencies, and the Merchant, Visitor, and Local populations, Outreach Fort Collins saw a dramatic decrease in street contacts. Furthermore, anecdotal narratives conclude that individuals contacted during street outreach were generally aware of extended service options and were outside by choice, rather than by lack of resources.

Merchant, Police, and Service Provider contacts during the month of December have remained consistent with the previous month's trends, while contacts accounting for criminal behavior significantly decreased (3% of total contacts in December vs. 16% of total contacts in November), as well as safety concerns remaining consistent. This data reflects a higher percentage of homeless and at-risk individuals accessing services and indoor areas, correlating with a decrease in outdoor presence (street contacts) and disruptive/criminal behavior (interaction type). Anecdotally, this data reflects concerns for the safety and well-being of the homeless and at-risk community rather than concerns around disruptive behavior.

December Success

Outreach has contacted this individual a total of 46 times since the program began in June 2016. Through these interactions, the Outreach Team learned this individual has a long history of alcoholism coupled with a physical disability. During the first three months of Outreach Fort Collins, the team received multiple calls about this individual- disruptive behavior, public intoxication, safety concerns- resulting in multiple police contacts and EMS response calls, as well as Fort Collins Special Agency Session program enrollment. Over time, members of the Outreach Team developed a trusting rapport with this individual. He began to share details around his past, struggles with addiction, and resolve to address his physical, emotional, and substance centered conditions. On October 23rd, after a night in the emergency room for alcohol poisoning, he reported to the Outreach Team that today was his first day sober in years.

Through near daily interactions, the Outreach Team was able to work on this individual's behalf to connect him to Summitstone Health Partners, and ultimately, enroll him in Fort Lyon's two-year intensive substance rehabilitation program. Interagency collaboration between Outreach Fort Collins, Special Agency Session, Summitstone Health Partners, Larimer County Probation Services, and the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless allowed him to move into Ft. Lyon's Facility on December 23rd, 2016- exactly two months since his last drink.