King County Outcome Data for North Sound RADAR Navigator Program

The RADAR Navigator Program is funded by the King County MIDD Behavioral Health Sales Tax Levy to serve people in crisis who are coming in contact with law enforcement and the crisis system, by providing crisis de-escalation, intervention and navigation to the system of care.

Thanks to our partners at King County, we are now able to show cross-system outcomes for the first time. The Department of Community and Human Services has access to data about behavioral health system utilization, jail bookings, and emergency department visits for people RADAR has served, recently released analysis shows a significant improvement across those systems.

These data show that the people touched by the RADAR Navigator Program experienced a 67% reduction in adult jail bookings, a 60% reduction in crisis services events, and a 4% reduction in emergency department visits after receiving RADAR services. 14% of individuals touched by the program were linked to publicly-funded behavioral health treatment (this does not include enrollment data from the private healthcare and insurance market which would likely make that number even higher).





Early data show strong performance on the MIDD policy goals of diverting people with behavioral health needs from costly interventions, such as jail, emergency rooms, and hospitals; and reducing the number, length, and frequency of behavioral health crisis events.





