

Vital

A program developed in 2016 under the **Familiar Faces Initiative** of King County's **Health and Human Services Transformation Plan**.

THE VITAL PROGRAM aims to improve the lives of King County's most vulnerable individuals by shifting away from a criminal-legal response to homelessness and behavioral health crises to a coordinated health and human services response.

SERVING THE MOST VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS



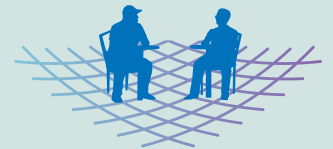
Serving People:

- with frequent jail bookings,*
- with behavioral health or other disabling conditions,
- and experiencing homelessness or unstable housing.



The Vital Program

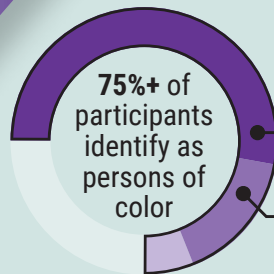
Coordinated health & human services response



Criminal-legal response



* four or more bookings in a 12-month period, in at least two of three years



Primary race categories alone or in combination with other race categories

53% identify as Black/African American

16% identify as Native American/Alaska Native

SERVICES

Intensive support from dedicated case managers with lower caseloads.



Services are relationship-based and use a harm reduction approach, **not requiring** compliance with courts or treatment.

A limited number of permanent supportive housing resources.



Street-based primary health care and occupational therapy.



Treatment and consultation for mental health conditions and substance use disorders.



Prosecutorial resources for legal system navigation and case coordination.

RESULTS

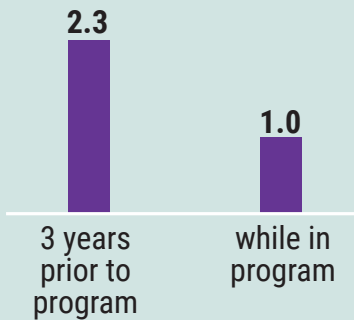


JAIL BOOKINGS



FOR **70%**
OF PARTICIPANTS

**Jail bookings per 100 days
in community**



Median number of bookings in King County and municipal jails.

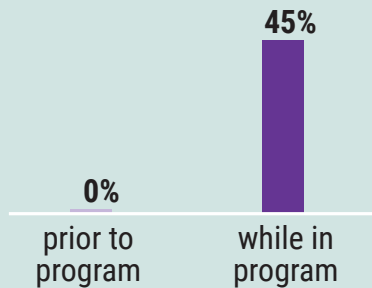


HOUSING SECURITY



45% OF LONG-TERM
PARTICIPANTS
ARE STABLY HOUSED

**Participants with
stable housing**



Independent or supported housing among participants after two years.

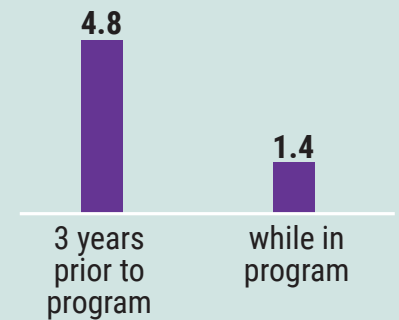


EMERGENCY ROOM VISITS



FOR **60%**
OF PARTICIPANTS

**Medicaid claims for
emergency department visits**



Median number of Medicaid claims per year of Medicaid eligibility.

The Vital Program is funded primarily through the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy in partnership with:



King County

Veterans, Seniors &
Human Services Levy

UW Medicine

HARBORVIEW
MEDICAL CENTER



Seattle
City Attorney's Office



King County

Prosecuting Attorney's Office
Department of Community
and Human Services



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