

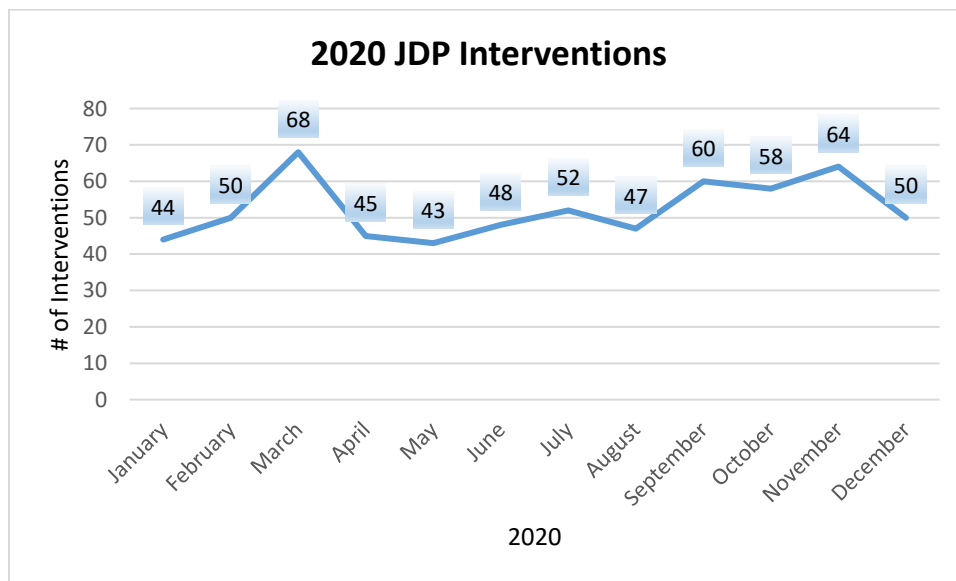
## Franklin/Medway Diversion Program 2020 Annual Report

The Franklin/Medway Jail Diversion Program (JDP) was launched in 2018 and pairs specially trained crisis clinicians from Advocates Inc, with police officers at the Franklin/Medway Police Departments. These embedded clinicians 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 Franklin/Medway-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 629 individuals referred to the Franklin/Medway Jail Diversion Program clinician (s) by Franklin/Medway police officers in 2020.

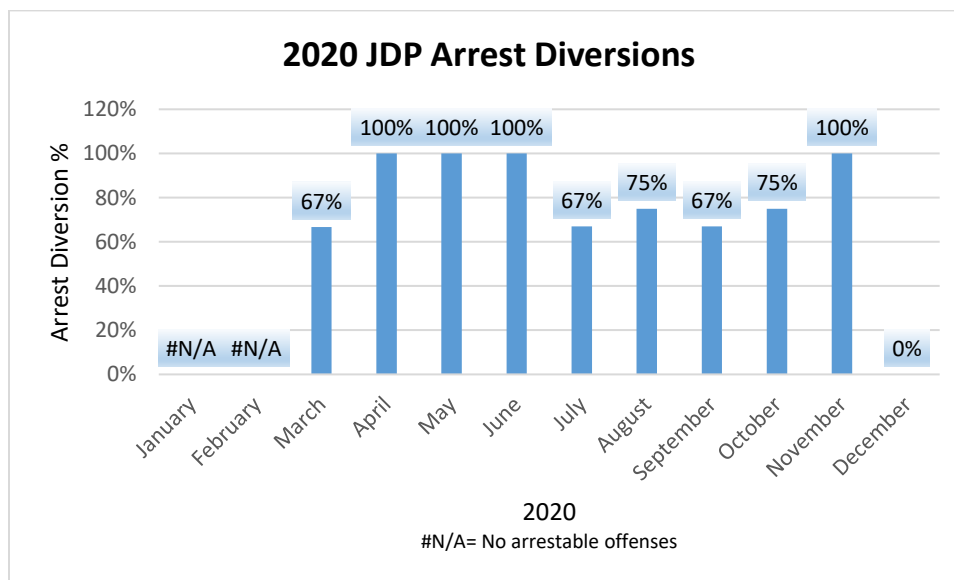
Chart 1: Franklin/Medway Co-Response Interventions



### Diversions from Arrest 2020

The primary goal of the Franklin/Medway Jail Diversion Program is to divert low-level offenders away from the criminal justice system and into more appropriate, community-based behavioral health treatment. In 2020, a total of twenty-four (24) individuals with behavioral health conditions were diverted from arrest by Franklin/Medway police officers and into treatment facilitated by JDP clinicians. The average percentage of those eligible for arrest diversion who were diverted is 75%. Chart 2 represents the percentage of diversions from arrest by month.

Chart 2: Franklin/Medway JDP Arrest Diversions



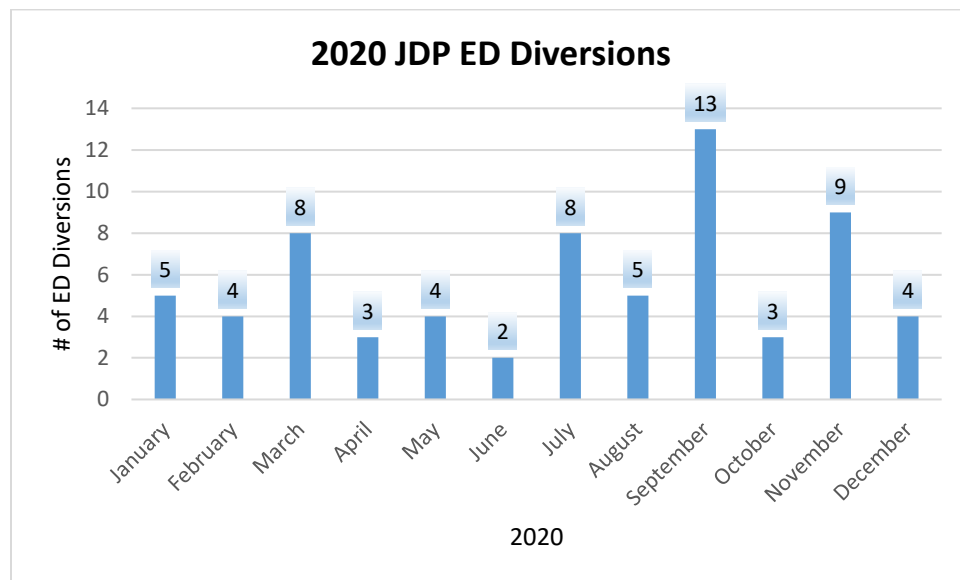
In addition to the benefit of diverting individuals in crisis from arrest, these diversions represent an *estimated* cost savings of **\$60,480\*** to the criminal justice system (\$2,520 per arrest event).

### Diversions from the Emergency Department

A secondary goal of the Franklin/Medway 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 Franklin/Medway police officers. In 2020, sixty-eight (68)

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 Franklin/Medway JDP team.

Chart 3: Franklin/Medway 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 **\$272,000\*** (\$4,000 per ED diversion). Combined, estimated cost savings due to arrest and emergency department diversion activity equals **\$332,480.00\***. Thank you for a year of partnership!

Report respectfully submitted by,

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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.