



Public Safety Service Area: Ceasefire Program

2024 Annual Report

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A message from Portland Ceasefire Director, Sierra Ellis

As we close the chapter on 2024, I want to take a moment to reflect on the challenges, triumphs, and growth we've experienced together. This year brought its share of highs and lows, but it also marked a significant turning point for our community. Through resilience and collaboration, we successfully implemented the Ceasefire Program, which has positively impacted countless individuals by providing essential services, support, and accountability.

To our partners – both traditional and non-traditional community safety collaborators – thank you. Your dedication and hard work have been instrumental in creating a safer Portland.

In 2024, we saw a meaningful 22% decrease in total shooting incidents. Notably, we did not reach triple digits in any month, a clear indicator that when you invest in what works, you achieve impactful outcomes. Even one less incident means one less person, family, or friend enduring the traumatic aftermath of gun violence. This progress inspires hope and reinforces the power of collective action.

While 2025 will undoubtedly bring new challenges, I remain optimistic that we will continue building on our successes and striving for even greater reductions in violence. Together, with purpose, we can make our community safer and more resilient.

Here's to continued progress and hope in the year ahead.

Warm regards,

Sierra

Acronyms:

- ICM = Intensive Case Management/Life Coaching
- TVIF = Trauma and Violence Impacted Families (Family-Based Program)
- HHP = Healing Hurt People (Hospital-Based Program for gunshot wound victims)
- SLO = Street Level Outreach (aka Outreach)
- SSCC = Street Services Coordination Center
- PPS = Portland Public Schools Youth Violence Prevention Team
- GSW = Gun Shot Wound



High-Risk Defined: (generally meeting a least 5 of the 7 risk factors)

- Male.
- Aged 18-44.
- 5-8 previous arrests.
- Associated with or active group involvement.
- Previously shot.
- Socially connected to recent (past 6-months?) shooting or homicide victim.
- Prior criminal justice system involvement (including felonies and prior probation or post-prison supervision).



Outreach Model – Relentless Pursuit

It often takes many weeks for Outreach Workers to successfully contact and connect with referred individuals. This means that it is not unusual for Service Acceptance data to indicate “pursuing/pending” as Outreach Workers follow the Relentless Pursuit model.

Relentless Pursuit refers to the **intensity of effort** involved in attempting to contact and engage individuals into violence intervention services. Relentless Pursuit includes any and everything needed to locate, engage, and get onto the caseload, a very high-risk individual, including:

- Frequent calls and texts
- In-person visits
- Engage family, friends, and all known contacts
- Leverage contacts with current program participants
- Leverage social media
- As a last resort, if the individual is on probation/parole, contact the Probation Officer

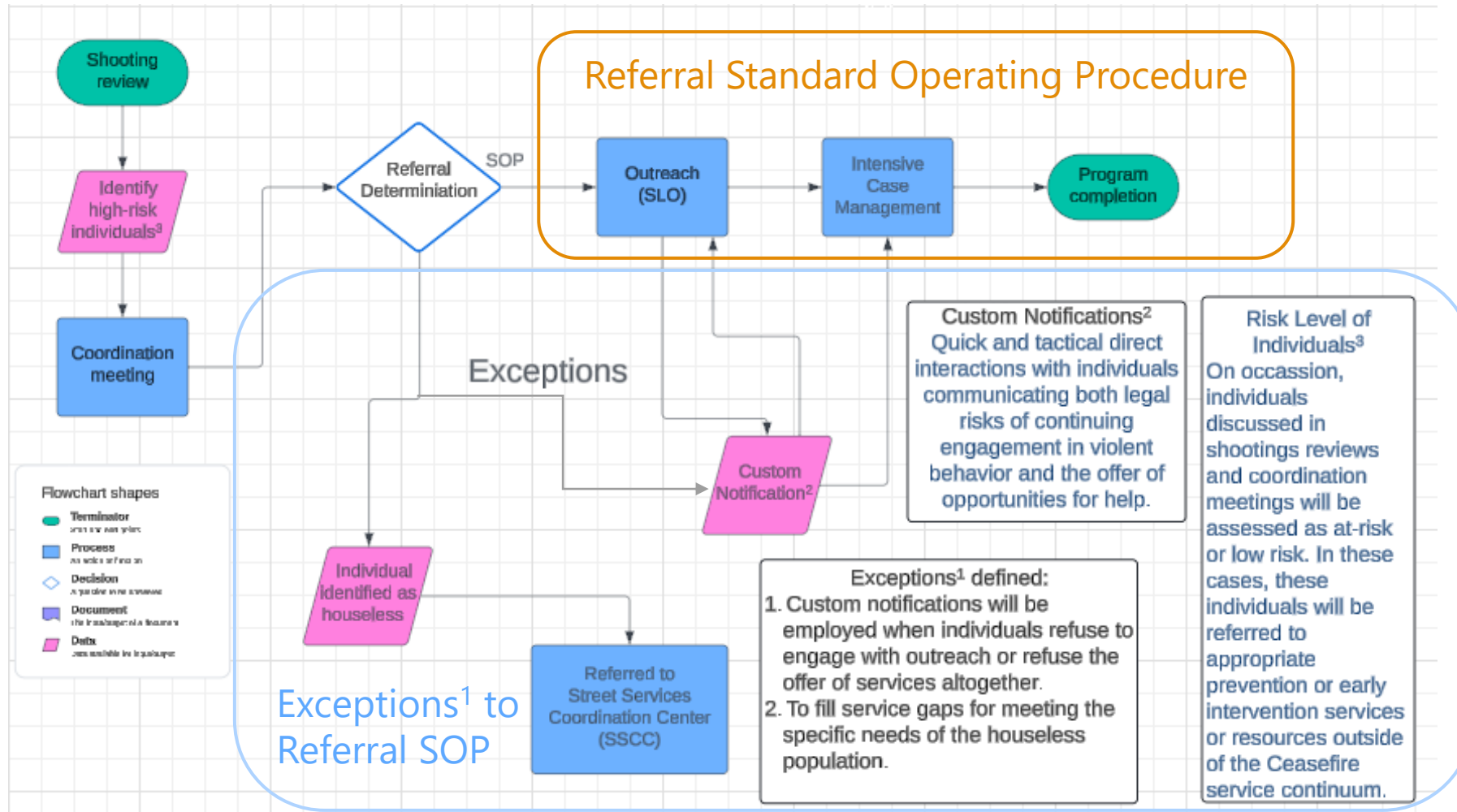


It often takes 3-5 months of relentless pursuit to find, contact, connect, and build relationships with high-risk individuals before an outreach worker can successfully transition these individuals into long-term ICM services.

– National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform

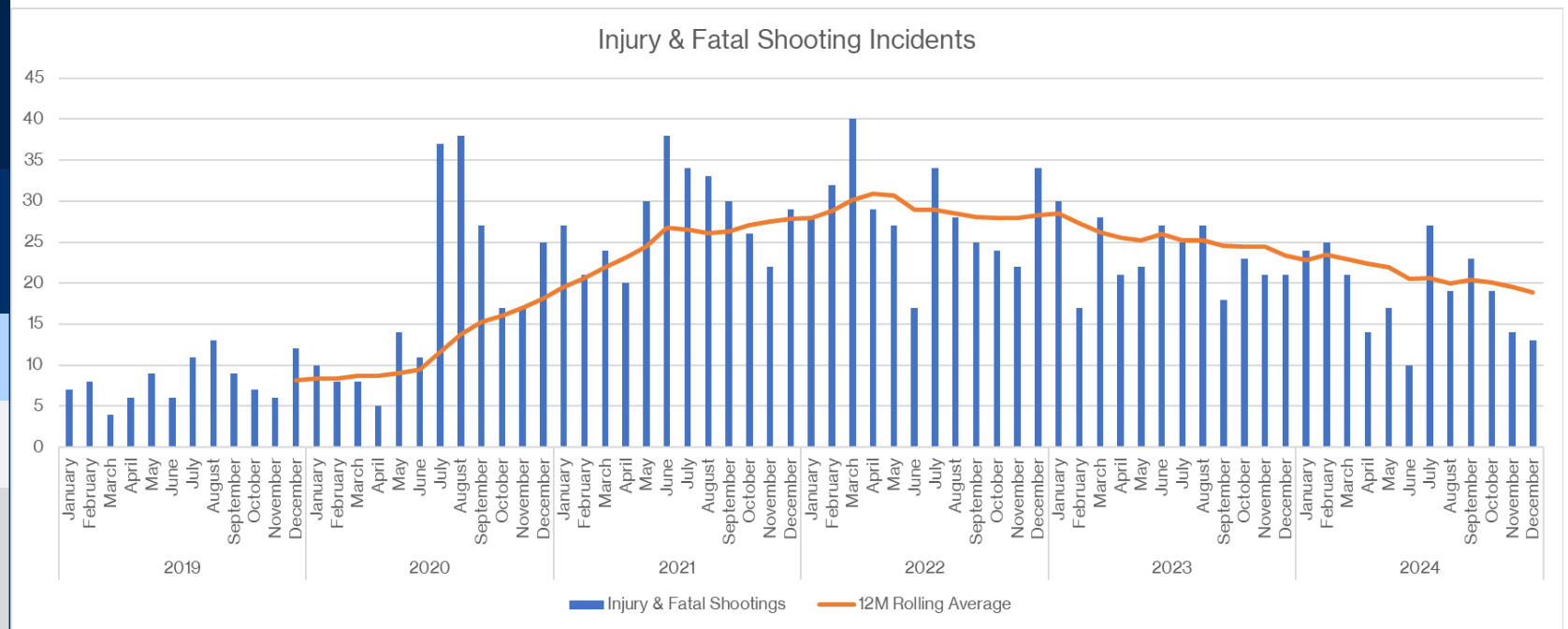


Ceasefire Referral Flow



Through the end of 2024, the 12-month rolling average for injury & fatal shooting incidents is down nearly 20% (and is down nearly 35% since peaking in early 2022).

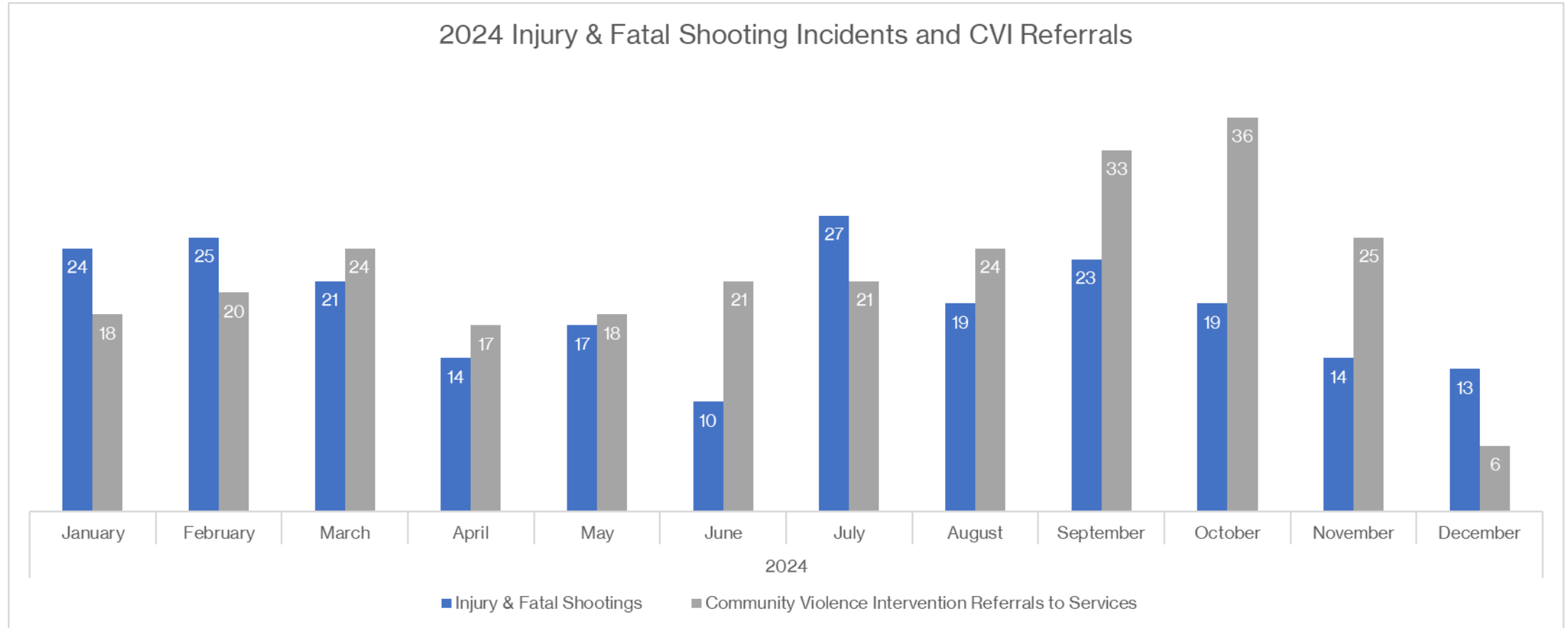
Declines in the 12-month rolling average:		
Metric	Annual	Since July 2022 (GVED)
Homicides	-9.8%	-26.7%
Injuries	-22.8%	-37.3%
Injury & Fatal Shootings	-19.3%	-34.9%



Note: GVED = Gun Violence Emergency Declaration announced by Mayor Wheeler.



Referrals to services (263) outpaced injury & fatal shooting incidents (226).



Ceasefire Shooting Review Summary Data

Ceasefire: Shooting Review & Coord. Mtg

2024	Shooting Incidents (injuries & fatalities)	Individuals Identified & Assessed	Appropriate for Referral to Services	Other Referrals*
January	90 (24)	11	11	7
February	72 (25)	15	15	5
March	66 (21)	24	20	4
April	56 (14)	16	12	5
May	82 (17)	12	12	6
June	68 (10)	15	13	8
July	78 (27)	11	9	12
August	61 (19)	11	10	14
September	75 (23)	35	25	8
October	56 (19)	44	34	2
November	42 (14)	25	23	2
December	57 (13)	11	6	0
Total	803 (226)	230	190	73

Note: * Other referrals come from the law enforcement (e.g., Parole & Probation) and community partners.





2024 : Full Year Data (January – December)



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Ceasefire Referrals: 2024 (226 GV Injury/Fatality Incidents)

230
Assessments



- # of individuals assessed as high-risk in Shooting Reviews

17 Custom Notifications & **4** Call-Ins¹ with 34 individuals

¹ Each Call-In includes multiple high-risk individuals who are associated.

263
Referrals (In)²

- # of high-risk individuals referred to CVI services
- **191** via Shooting Reviews
- **73** additional referrals from partners

26 individuals / families received relocation services

² **Thirty-nine** individuals ended up not being referred to services through OVP. **25** were identified as houseless and referred to the SSCC team; **1** youth was referred to the PPS Youth Violence Prevention Team; **13** resulted as non-referrals due to pending open cases (4), not appropriate for high-risk CVI services (7), or went the Enforcement track (2).

263
Referrals (Out)³

- referrals to CVI services



- **191** referred to SLO/ICM



- **63** referred to / contacted by HHP



- **14** referred to TVIF

³ Three individuals were referred to dual services, two to HHP & TVIF and one to ICM & TVIF.

159
Engaged⁴

- # engaged in CVI services.



- **116** enrolled in **Life Coaching** (82 ICM and 34 HHP/TVIF)

30 received short-term emergency services from HHP/TVIF

- **15** engaged with **SLO** and in the **ICM** pipeline



- **54** relentless pursuit

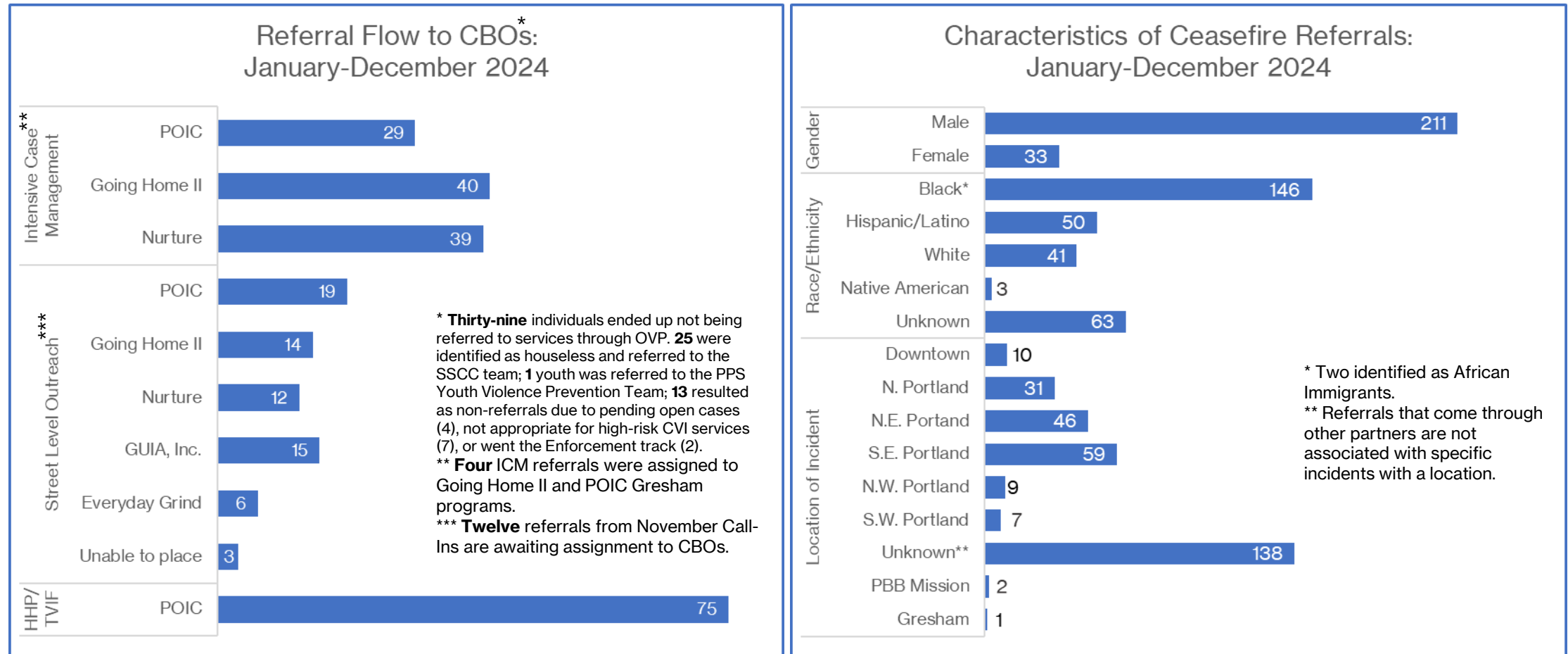


- **44** refused services

⁴ ICM/TVIF: **1** individual is receiving dual services and is double counted. ICM/SLO: **5** individuals could not be placed into services (inappropriate, unable to contact, or lack of culturally-relevant services). HHP/TVIF: **1** individual was referred out to other services.



Ceasefire Referral Flow & Characteristics (n=303): 2024 (January-December)



Ceasefire Summary: 2024

2024	Injury & Fatal Shootings	High-Risk Individuals		Referral Status (includes HHP & TVIF programs as ICM referrals ¹)						Referred to Outside Services		Custom Notifications ¹⁰	Call-Ins ¹¹
		Assessed	Referred ²	Pursuing ³	SLO ⁴	ICM ⁵	Short-term ⁶	Refused	Unable to Place ⁷	SSCC ⁸	PPS ⁹		
January	24	11	18	1	0	8	5	4	0	0	0	0	0
February	25	15	20	0	0	7	4	7	2	0	0	2	0
March	21	24	24	0	1	10	0	10	3	1	1	5	0
April	14	16	17	1	1	9	1	5	0	2	0	3	0
May	17	12	18	3	1	8	2	3	1	0	0	1	0
June	10	15	21	7	2	5	3	4	0	1	0	0	0
July	27	11	21	2	0	13	5	1	0	2	0	0	14
August	19	11	24	3	2	15	4	0	0	1	0	0	0
September	23	35	33	8	3	18	1	3	0	10	0	3	0
October	19	44	36	9	4	17	3	5	0	3	0	3	0
November	14	25	25	18	0	4	1	2	0	2	0	0	20
December	13	11	6	2	1	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	0
Totals	226	230	263	54	15	116	30	44	6	25	1	17	34

Notes: ¹ 18 individuals were referred to the HHP and TVIF programs. ² Includes referrals from Ceasefire and other partners. 13 individuals were not referred to OVP services, 8 of which were referred to either SSCC or PPS. ³ The “relentless pursuit” outreach model is used to resolve pending referrals. ⁴ Individuals in SLO have engaged with outreach services but have yet to accept ICM services. ⁵ Individuals that have accepted and enrolled in long-term ICM services. ⁶ GSW victims and/or families not deemed as high-risk are provided with short-term emergency services for 90-days. ⁷ Individuals could not be placed into services for being re-assessed as “low-risk” (1), an inability to make contact (1), for having too severe behavioral health issues (1), or an inability to offer culturally-relevant services to drug-impacted White individuals (3). ⁸ Individuals identified as houseless are being referred to the Street Services Coordination Center. ⁹ Youth assessed as “at-risk” will be referred to PPS’ Youth Violence Prevention Team. ¹⁰ Custom Notifications are personalized, in-person meetings with high priority high-risk individuals to deliver a clear and respectful message that gun violence will not be tolerated and to offer support and services to those who want to change their behavior. ¹¹ Call-Ins represent individuals included in meetings with socially connected groups of high priority high-risk individuals in which a clear and respectful message is delivered that gun violence will not be tolerated and to offer support and services to those who want to change their behavior.



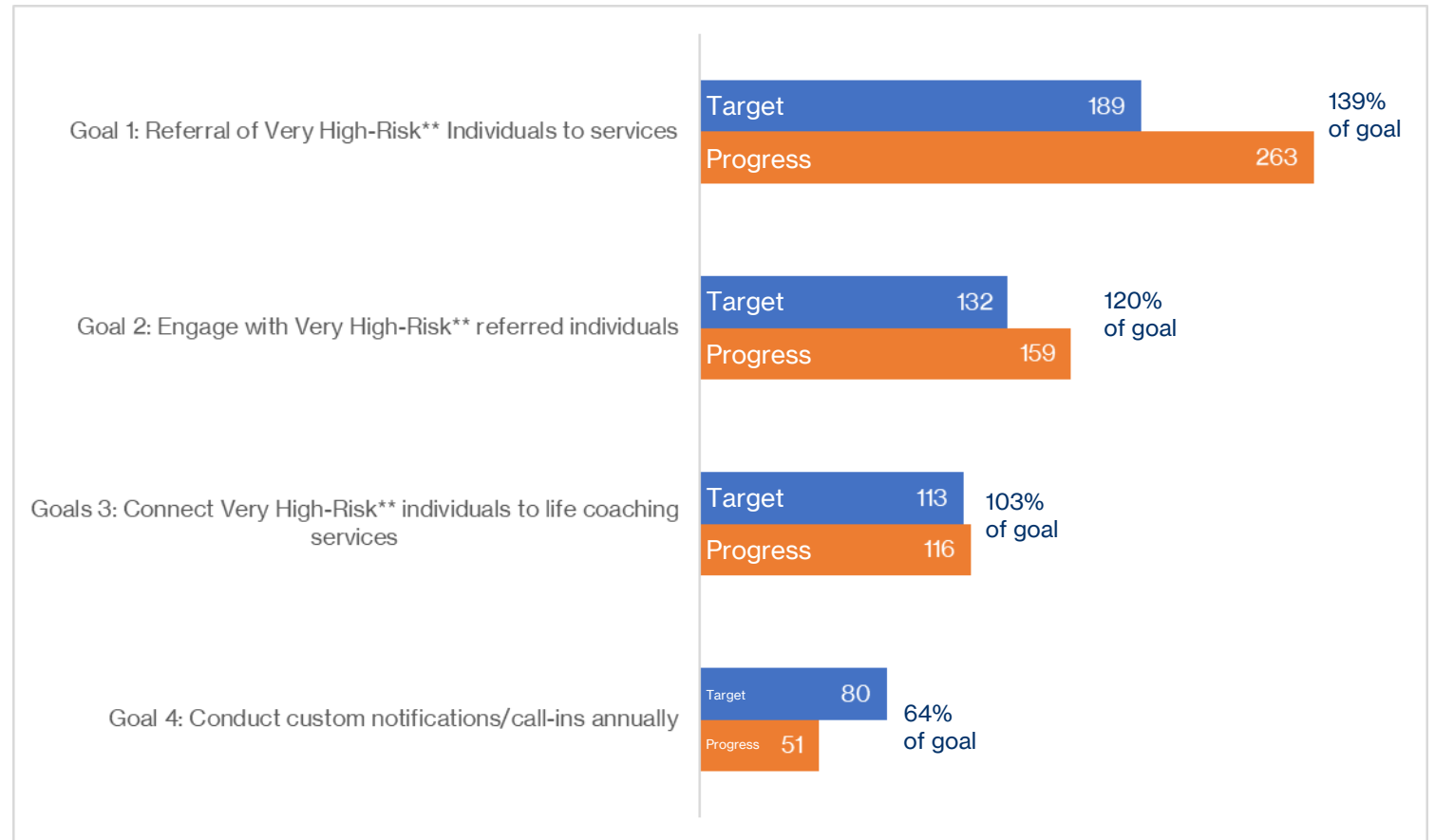


Performance Metrics



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Progress to Ceasefire 2024 Goals*



* Goals were determined in consultation with the National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform (NICJR) and based on the number of injury shooting incidents from the previous calendar year.

**Very High-Risk individuals are generally defined as meeting at least 5 of 7 risk factors: male, aged 18-44, 5-8 previous arrests, associated with or active group involvement, previously shot, socially connected to recent (past 6-months) shooting or homicide victim, prior criminal justice system involvement (including felonies and prior probation or post-prison supervision).





Appendix: Comprehensive Monthly Data





January 2024



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Ceasefire Referrals: January 2024 (24 GV Injury/Fatality Incidents)



- # of individuals assessed as high-risk in Shooting Reviews

0 Custom Notifications & **0** Call-Ins¹

¹ Each Call-In includes multiple high-risk individuals who are associated.

- # of high-risk individuals referred to CVI services
- **11** via Shooting Reviews
- **7** additional referrals from partners

2 individuals / families received relocation services



- referrals to CVI services

• **10** referred to SLO/ICM



• **7** referred to / contacted by HHP



• **2** referred to TVIF

² One individual was referred to dual HHP & TVIF services.



- # engaged in CVI services.

• **8** enrolled in **Life Coaching**
(6 ICM and 2 HHP/TVIF)

5 received short-term emergency services from HHP/TVIF

• **0** engaged with **SLO** and in the ICM pipeline



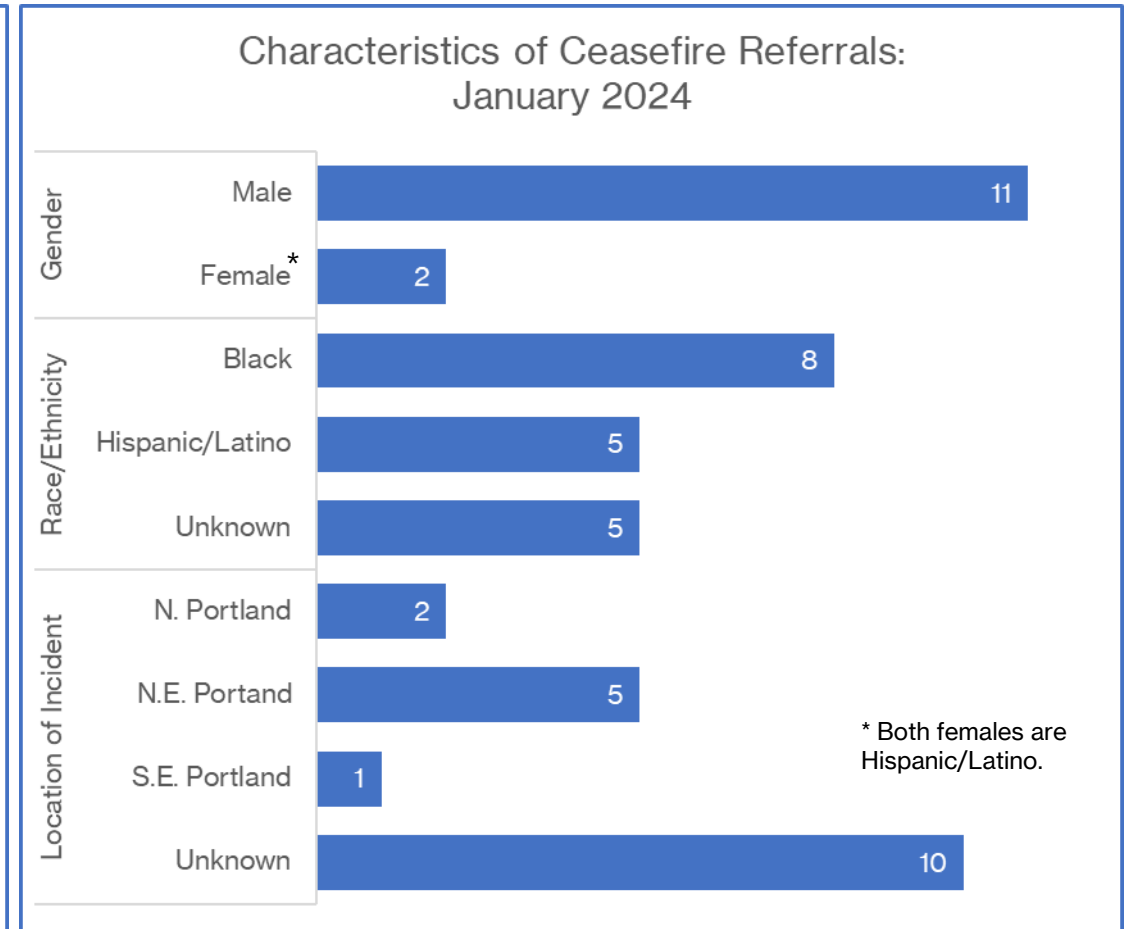
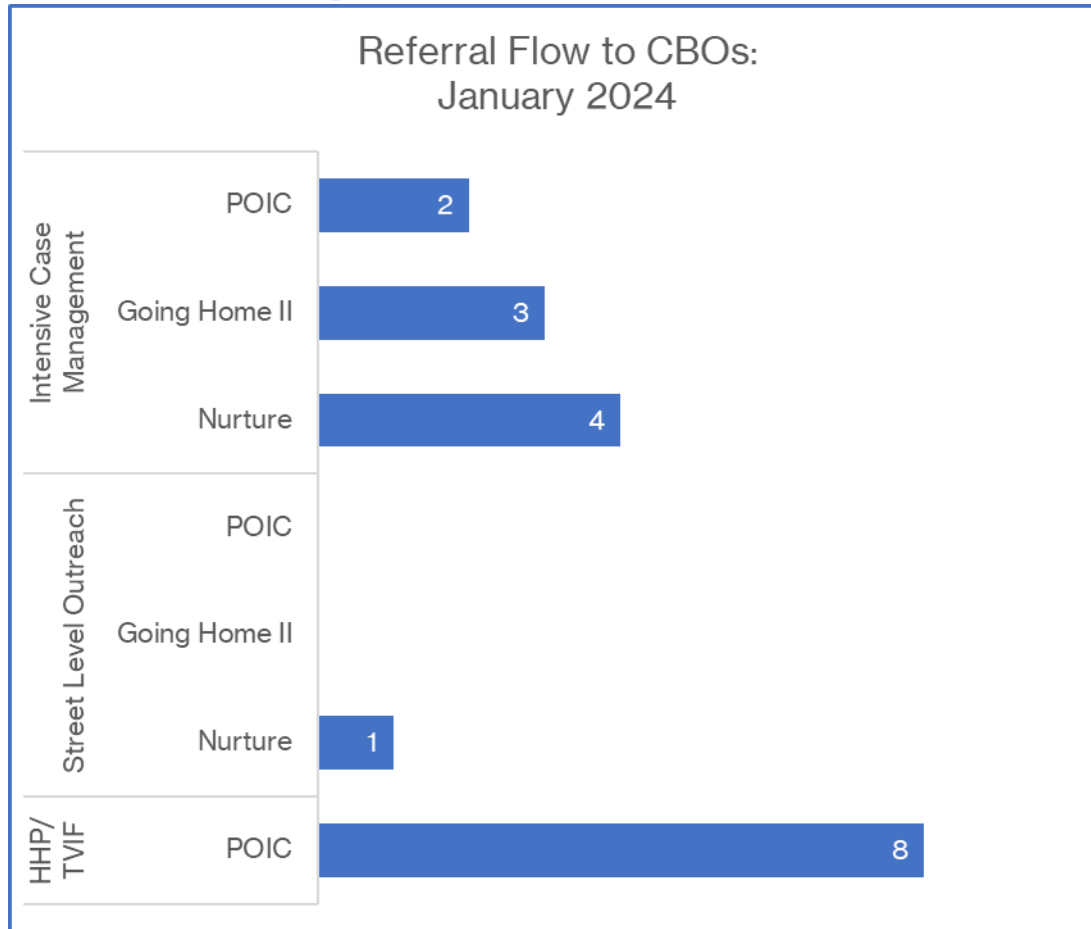
• **1** relentless pursuit



• **4** refused services



Ceasefire Referral Flow & Characteristics (n=18): January 2024





February 2024



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Ceasefire Referrals: February 2024 (25 GV Injury/Fatality Incidents)



- # of individuals assessed as high-risk in Shooting Reviews

2 Custom Notifications & **0** Call-Ins¹

¹ Each Call-In includes multiple high-risk individuals who are associated.

- # of high-risk individuals referred to CVI services
- **15** via Shooting Reviews
- **5** additional referrals from partners

3 individuals / families received relocation services

- referrals to CVI services



- **12** referred to SLO/ICM



- **4** referred to / contacted by HHP



- **4** referred to TVIF

- # engaged in CVI services.



- **7** enrolled in **Life Coaching** (5 ICM and 2 HHP/TVIF)

4 received short-term emergency services from HHP/TVIF

- **0** engaged with **SLO** and in the ICM pipeline



- **0** relentless pursuit

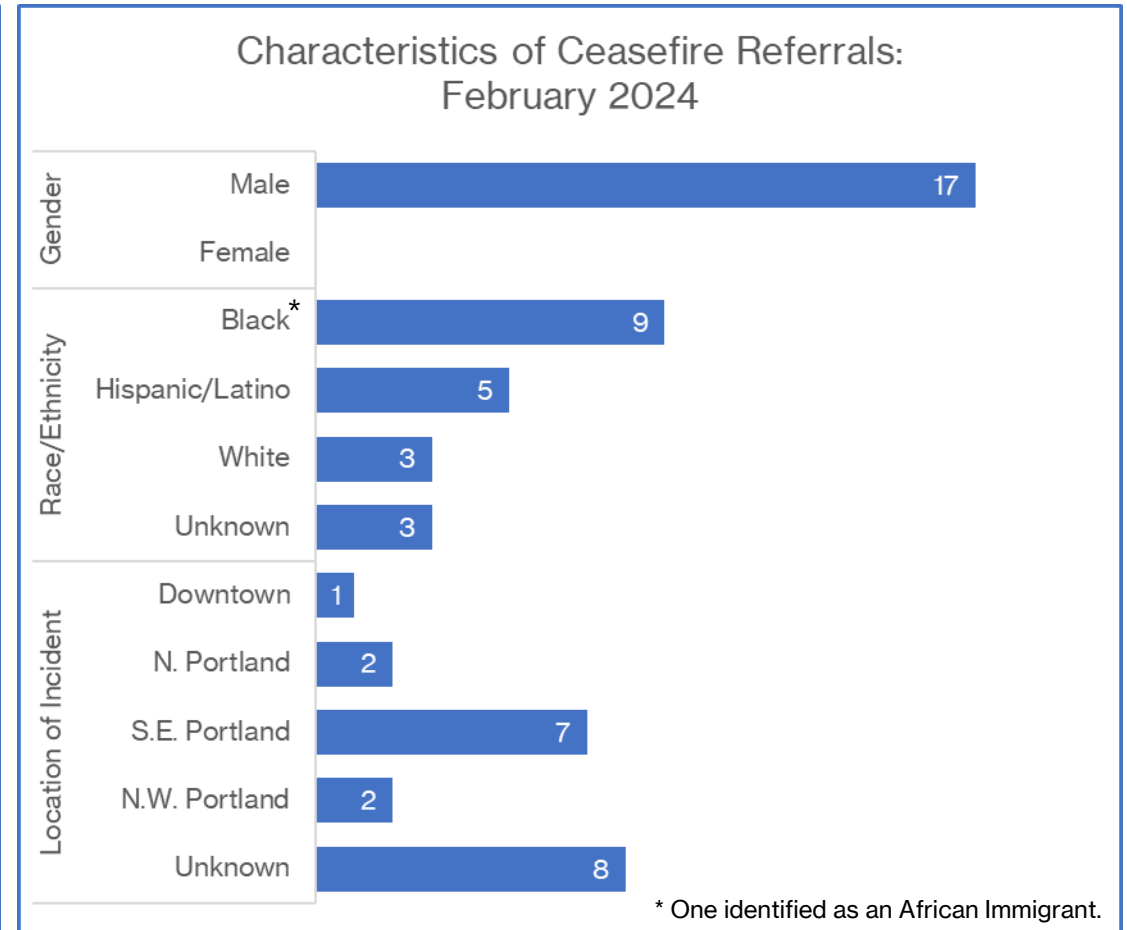
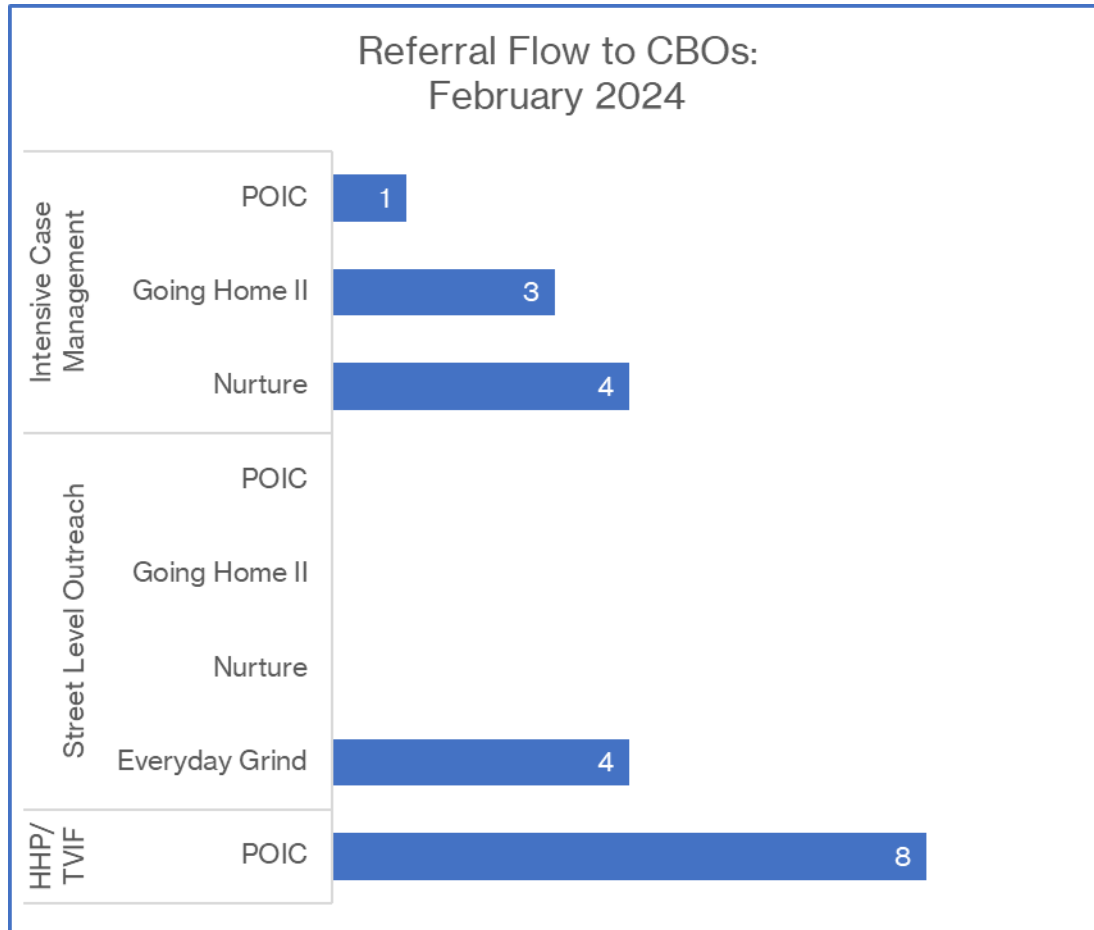


- **7** refused services

² ICM/SLO: **2** individuals could not be placed into services (inappropriate or unable to contact).



Ceasefire Referral Flow & Characteristics (n=20): February 2024





March 2024



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Ceasefire Referrals: March 2024 (21 GV Injury/Fatality Incidents)

24

Assessments



- # of individuals assessed as high-risk in Shooting Reviews

5 Custom Notifications & 0 Call-Ins¹

¹ Each Call-In includes multiple high-risk individuals who are associated.

24

Referrals (In)²

- # of high-risk individuals referred to CVI services
- **20** via Shooting Reviews
- **4** additional referrals from partners

1 individuals / families received relocation services

² **Four** individuals ended up not being referred to services through OVP. **1** was identified as houseless and referred to the SSCC team; **1** youth was referred to the PPS Youth Violence Prevention Team; **1** referrals was deemed by SLO contractor to not be high-risk, and **1** went Enforcement.

24

Referrals (Out)

- referrals to CVI services



- **22** referred to SLO/ICM



- **2** referred to / contacted by HHP



- **0** referred to TVIF

11

Engaged³

- # engaged in CVI services.



- **10** enrolled in **Life Coaching** (8 ICM and 2 HHP/TVIF)

0 received short-term emergency services from HHP/TVIF

- **1** engaged with **SLO** and in the ICM pipeline



- **0** relentless pursuit

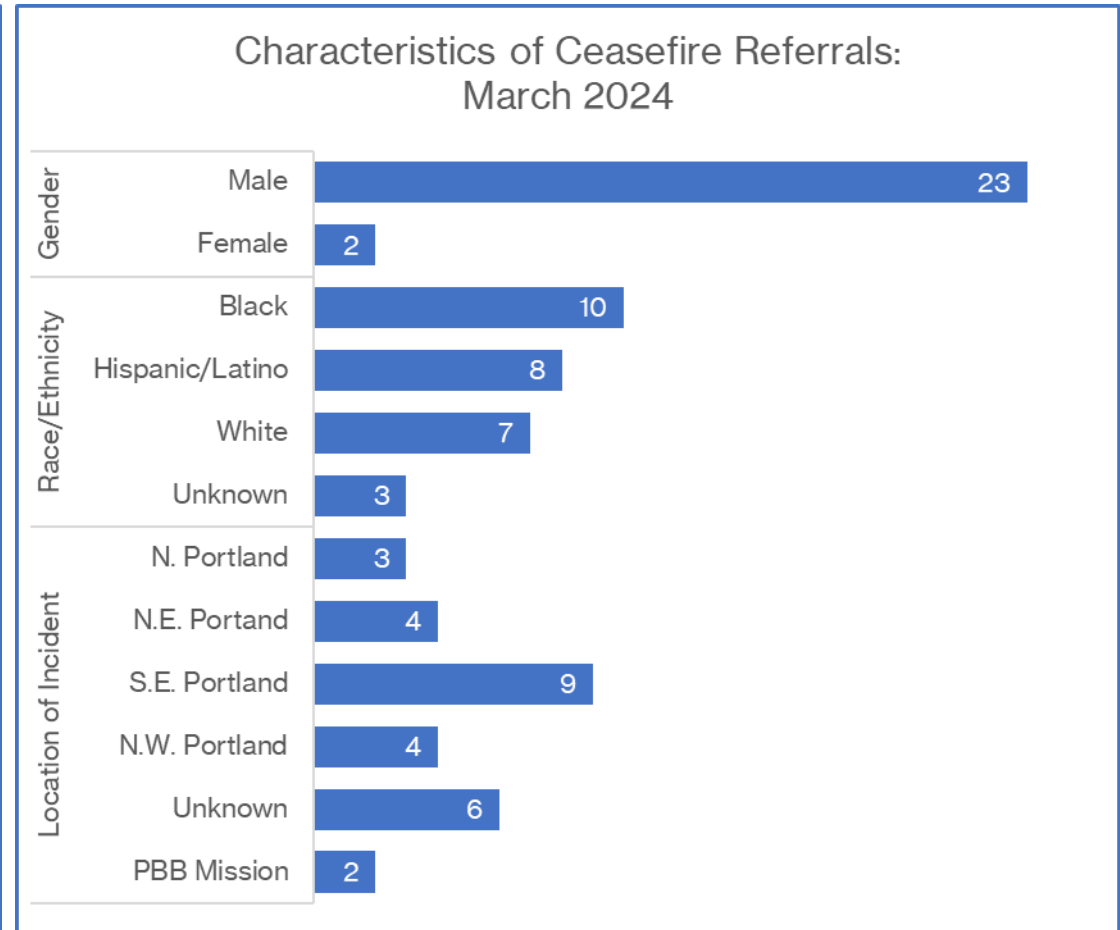
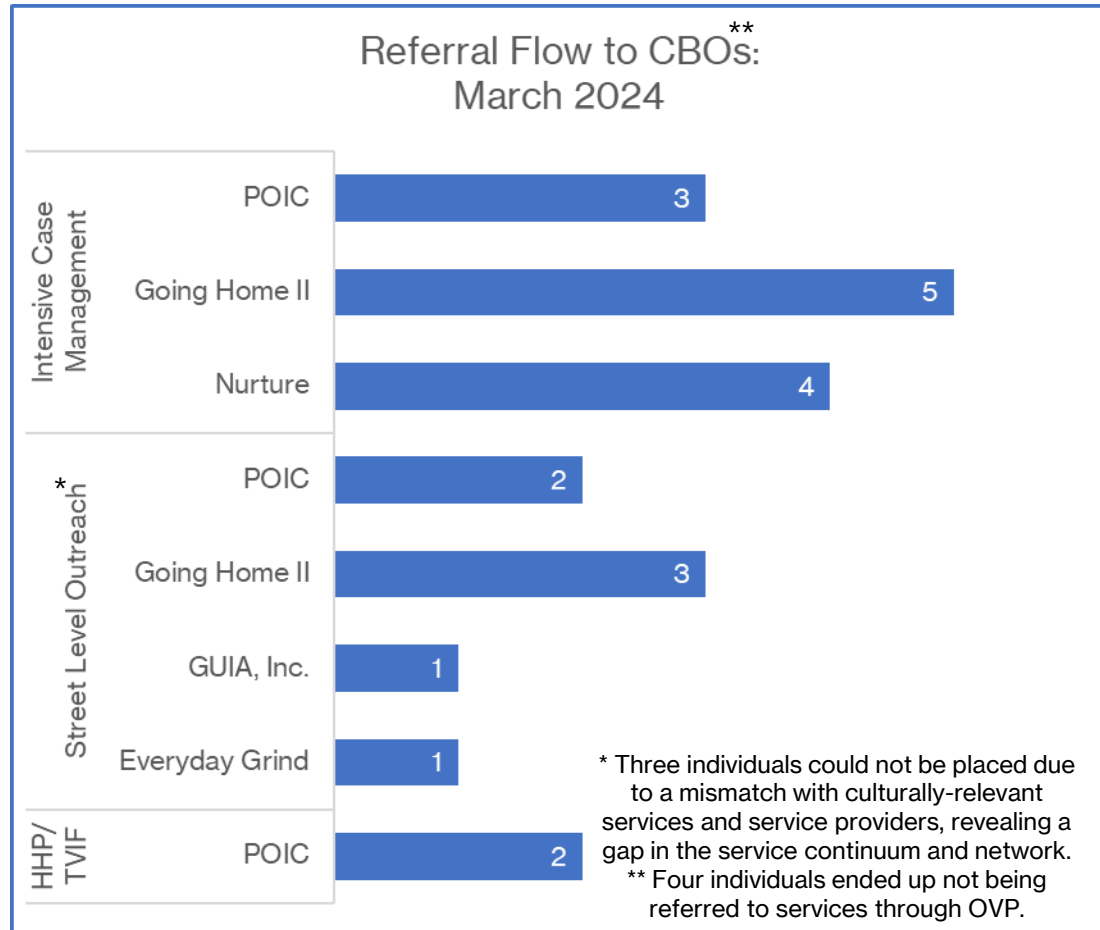


- **10** refused services

³ ICM/SLO: **3** individuals could not be placed into services due to a lack of culturally-relevant services.



Ceasefire Referral Flow & Characteristics (n=28): March 2024





April 2024



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Ceasefire Referrals: April 2024 (14 GV Injury/Fatality Incidents)



- # of individuals assessed as high-risk in Shooting Reviews

3 Custom Notifications & **0** Call-Ins¹

¹ Each Call-In includes multiple high-risk individuals who are associated.

- # of high-risk individuals referred to CVI services
- **12** via Shooting Reviews
- **5** additional referrals from partners

0 individuals / families received relocation services

² **Four** individuals ended up not being referred to services through OVP. **2** were identified as houseless and referred to the SSCC team; **1** the referral was never made, and **1** went Enforcement.

- referrals to CVI services



- **13** referred to SLO/ICM



- **3** referred to / contacted by HHP



- **1** referred to TVIF



- # engaged in CVI services.

- **9** enrolled in **Life Coaching** (6 ICM and 3 HHP/TVIF)

1 received short-term emergency services from HHP/TVIF

- **1** engaged with **SLO** and in the ICM pipeline



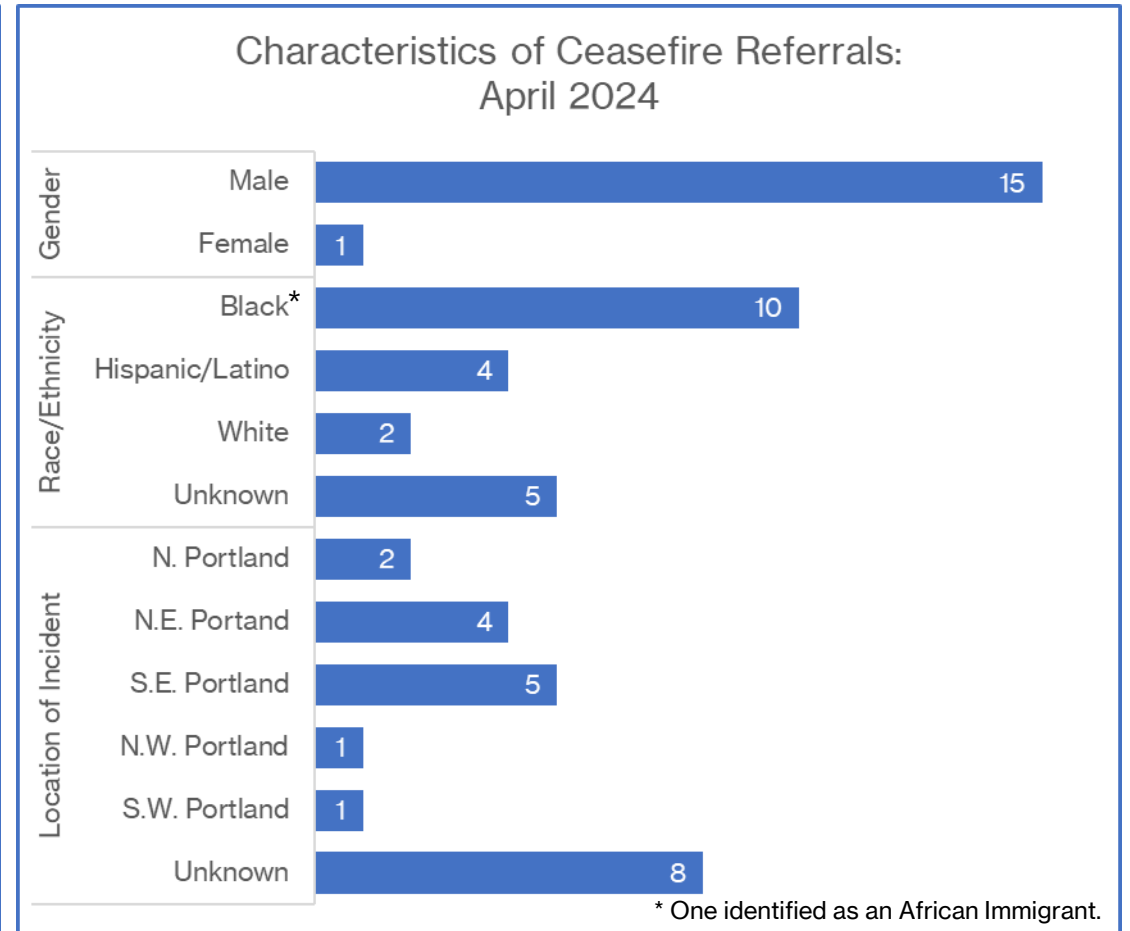
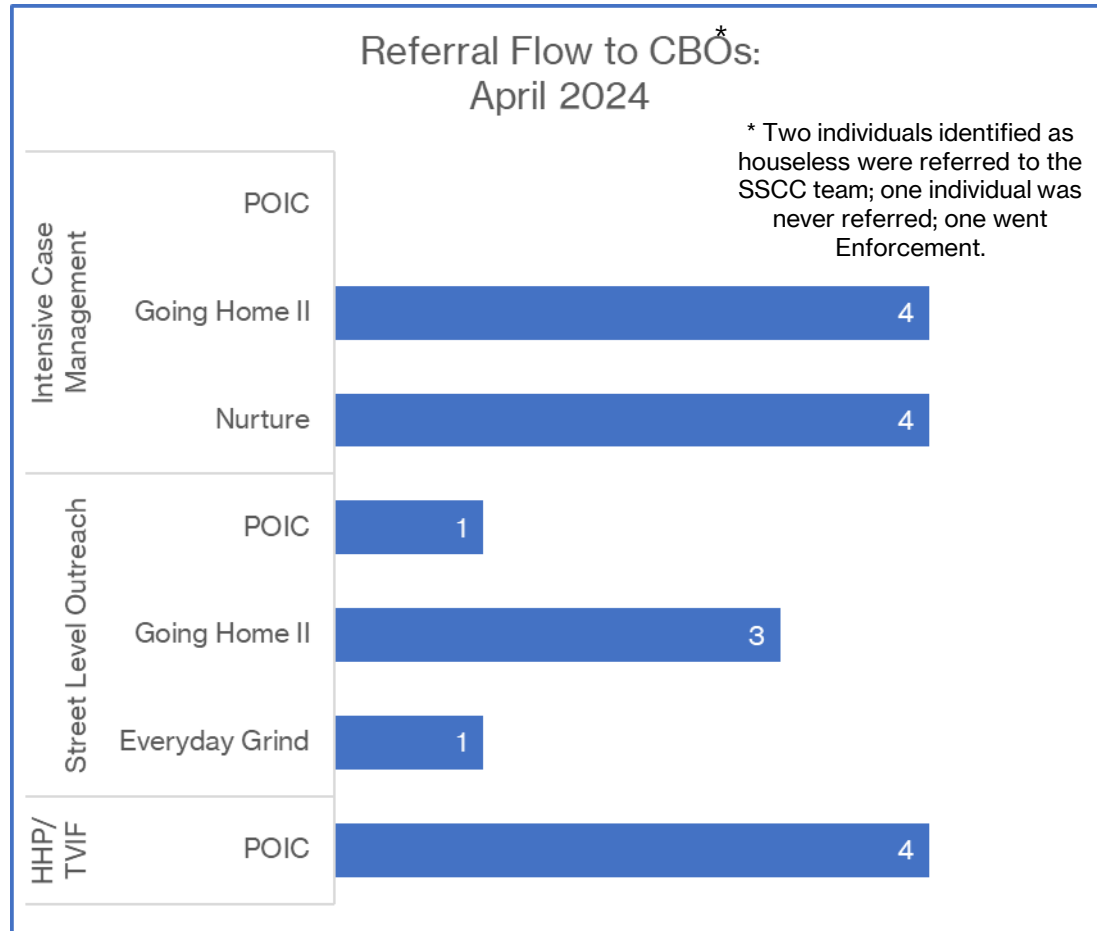
- **1** relentless pursuit



- **5** refused services



Ceasefire Referral Flow & Characteristics (n=21): April 2024





Columbia Park Cottage

May 2024



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Ceasefire Referrals: May 2024 (17 GV Injury/Fatality Incidents)

12

Assessments



- # of individuals assessed as high-risk in Shooting Reviews

1 Custom Notifications & **0** Call-Ins¹

¹ Each Call-In includes multiple high-risk individuals who are associated.

18

Referrals (In)

- # of high-risk individuals referred to CVI services
- **12** via Shooting Reviews
- **6** additional referrals from partners

2 individuals / families received relocation services

18

Referrals (Out)

- referrals to CVI services



- **8** referred to SLO/ICM



- **10** referred to / contacted by HHP



- **0** referred to TVIF

11

Engaged³

- # engaged in CVI services.



- **8** enrolled in **Life Coaching** (2 ICM and 6 HHP/TVIF)

2 received short-term emergency services from HHP/TVIF

- **1** engaged with **SLO** and in the **ICM** pipeline



- **3** relentless pursuit

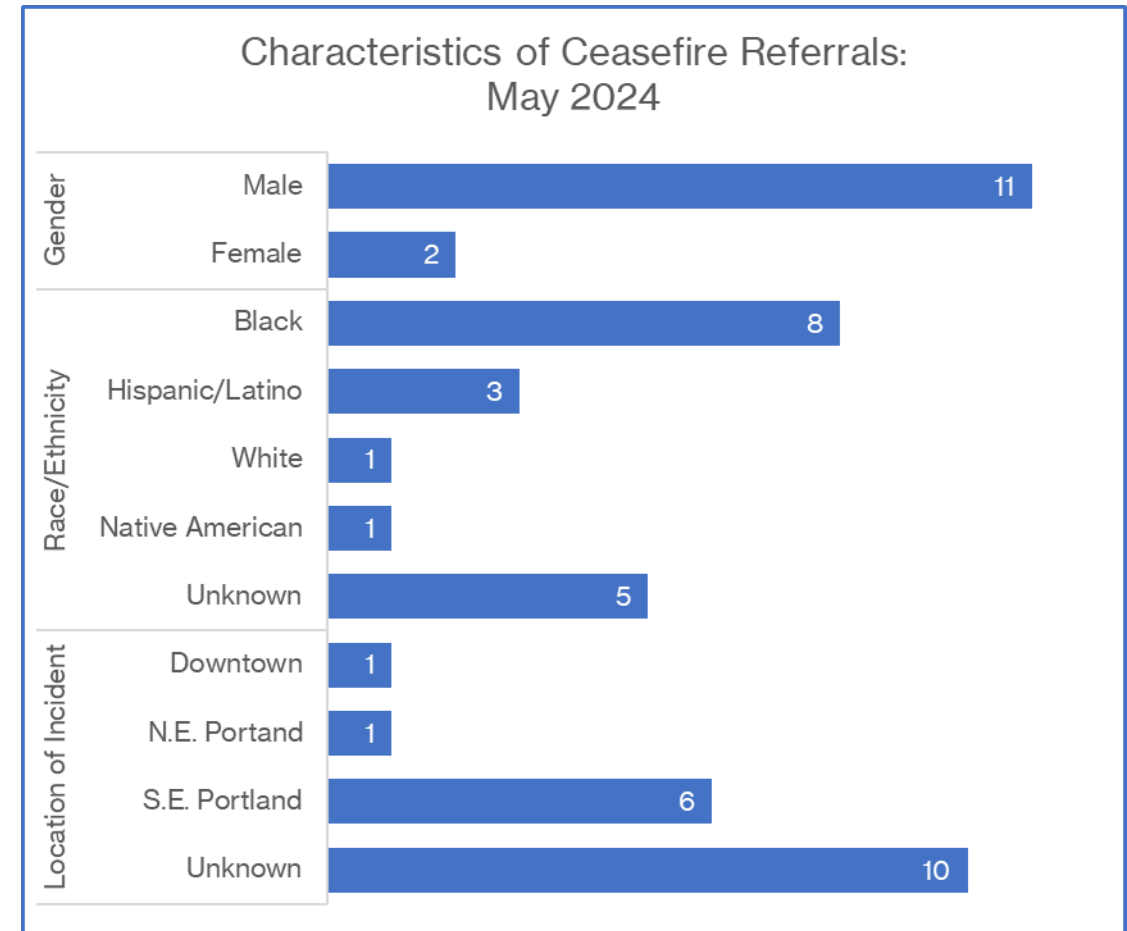
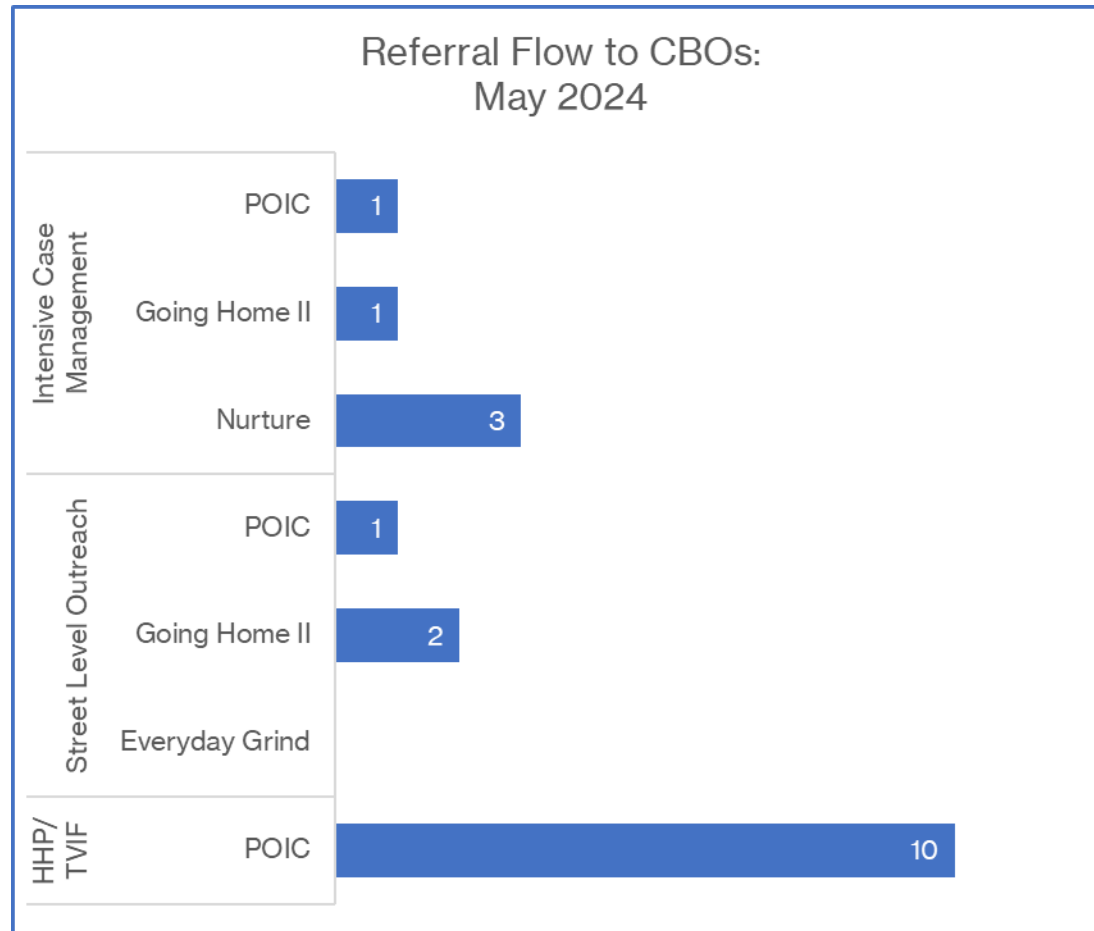


- **3** refused services

³ HHP/TVIF: 1 individual was referred out to other services.



Ceasefire Referral Flow & Characteristics (n=18): May 2024





June 2024



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Ceasefire Referrals: June 2024 (10 GV Injury/Fatality Incidents)



- # of individuals assessed as high-risk in Shooting Reviews

0 Custom Notifications & Call-Ins¹

¹ Each Call-In includes multiple high-risk individuals who are associated.

- # of high-risk individuals referred to CVI services
- **13** via Shooting Reviews
- **8** additional referrals from partners

0 individuals / families received relocation services

² **Two** individuals ended up not being referred to services through OVP. **1** was identified as houseless and referred to the SSCC team and **1** referral is pending.

- referrals to CVI services



- **17** referred to SLO/ICM



- **4** referred to / contacted by HHP



- **0** referred to TVIF



- # engaged in CVI services.

- **5** enrolled in **Life Coaching** (4 ICM and 1 HHP/TVIF)

3 received short-term emergency services from HHP/TVIF

- **2** engaged with **SLO** and in the ICM pipeline



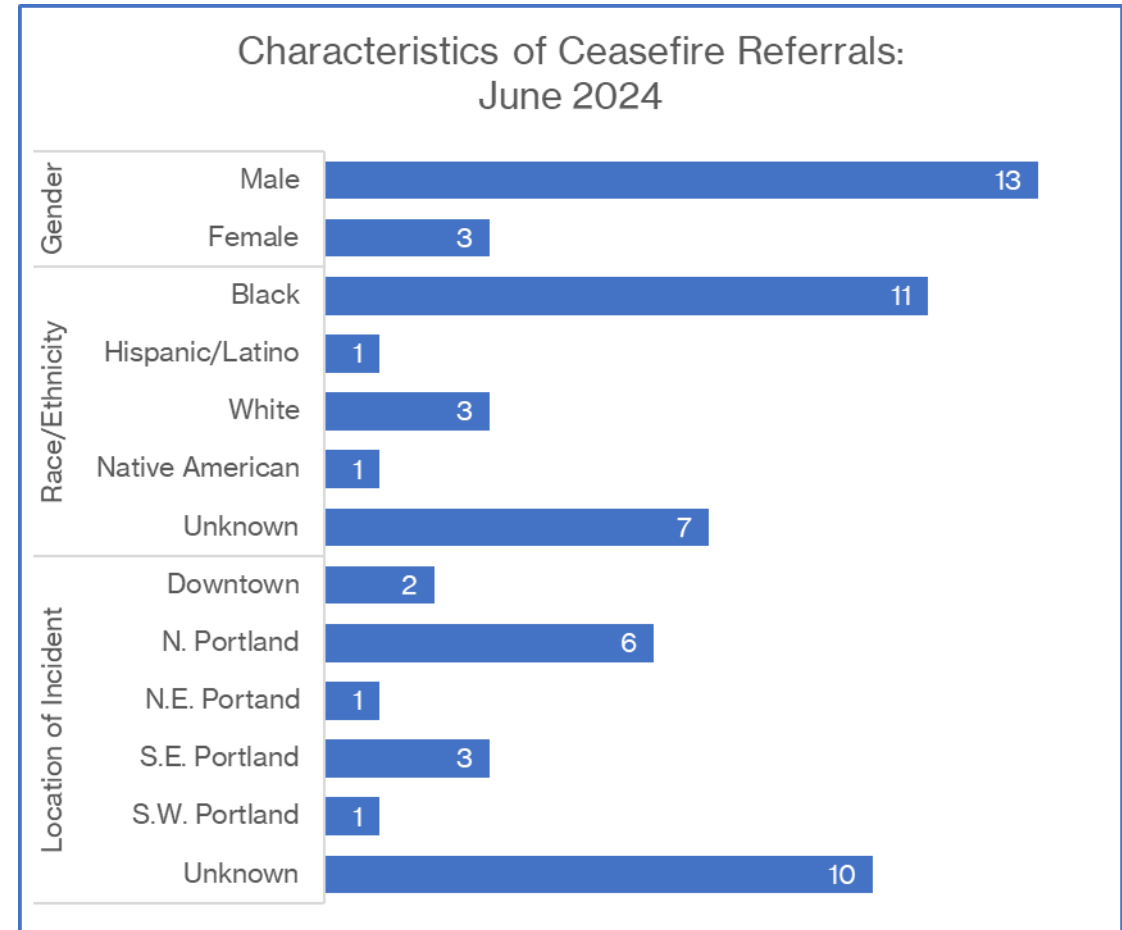
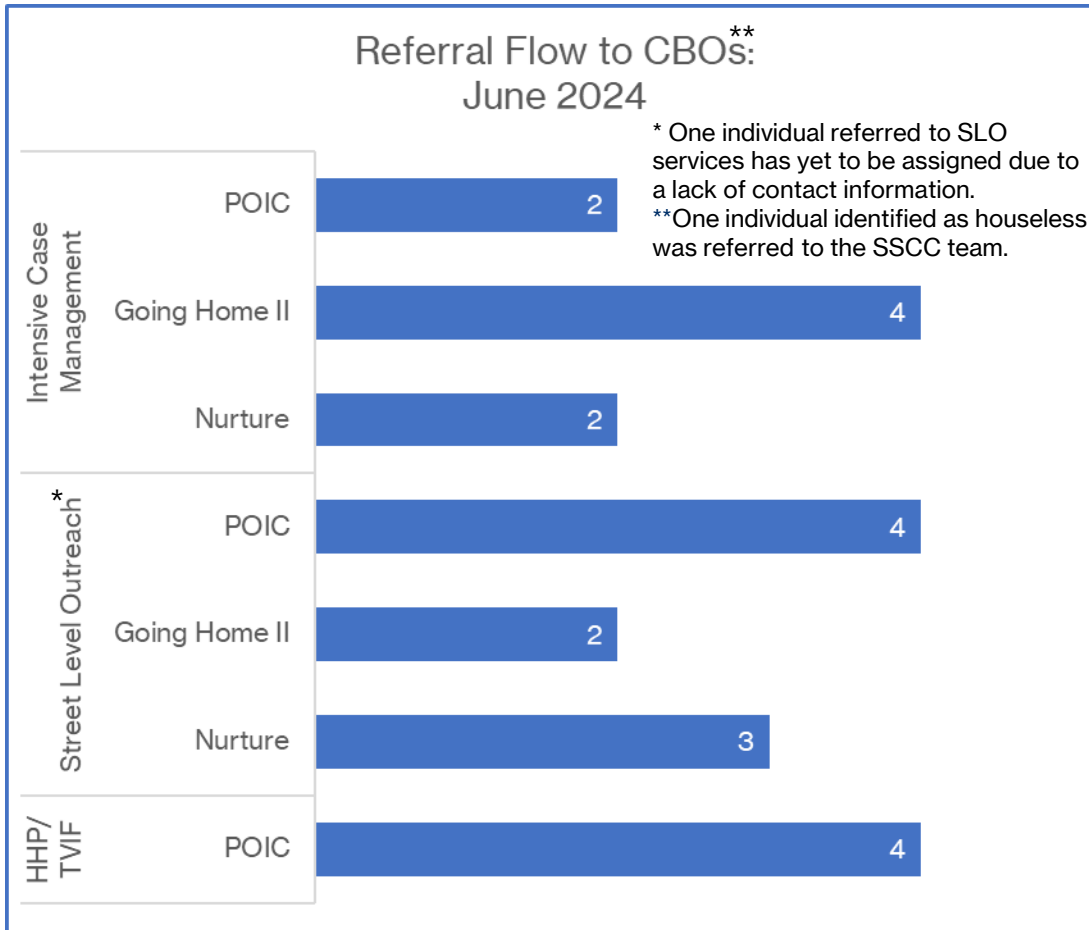
- **7** relentless pursuit



- **4** refused services



Ceasefire Referral Flow & Characteristics (n=23): June 2024





July 2024



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Ceasefire Referrals: July 2024 (27 GV Injury/Fatality Incidents)



- # of individuals assessed as high-risk in Shooting Reviews

0 Custom Notifications & **2** Call-Ins¹ with 14 individuals

¹ Each Call-In includes multiple high-risk individuals who are associated.

- # of high-risk individuals referred to CVI services
- **9** via Shooting Reviews
- **12** additional referrals from partners

1 individuals / families received relocation services

² **Two** individuals were identified as houseless and referred to the SSCC team.

- referrals to CVI services



- **12** referred to SLO/ICM



- **9** referred to / contacted by HHP



- **0** referred to TVIF



- # engaged in CVI services.
- **13** enrolled in **Life Coaching** (9 ICM and 4 HHP/TVIF)

5 received short-term emergency services from HHP/TVIF

- **0** engaged with **SLO** and in the **ICM** pipeline



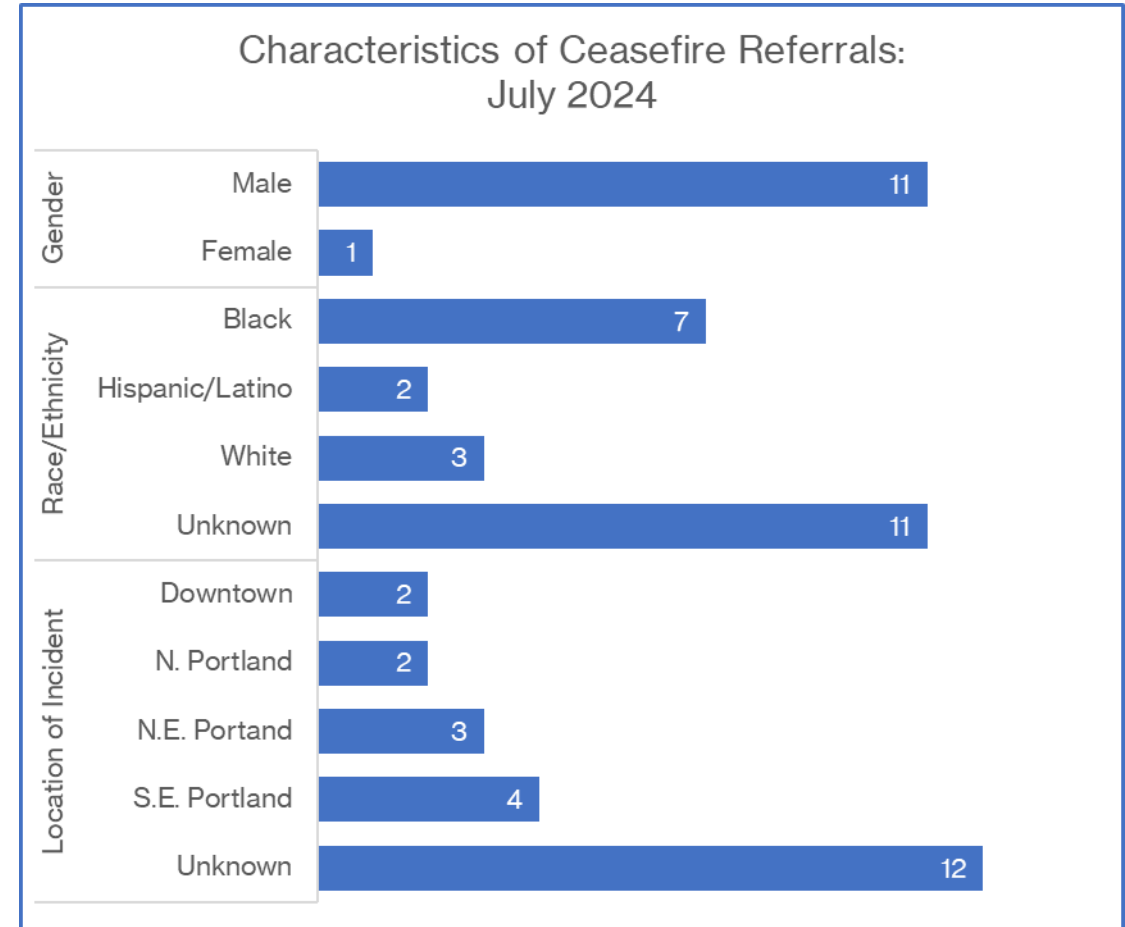
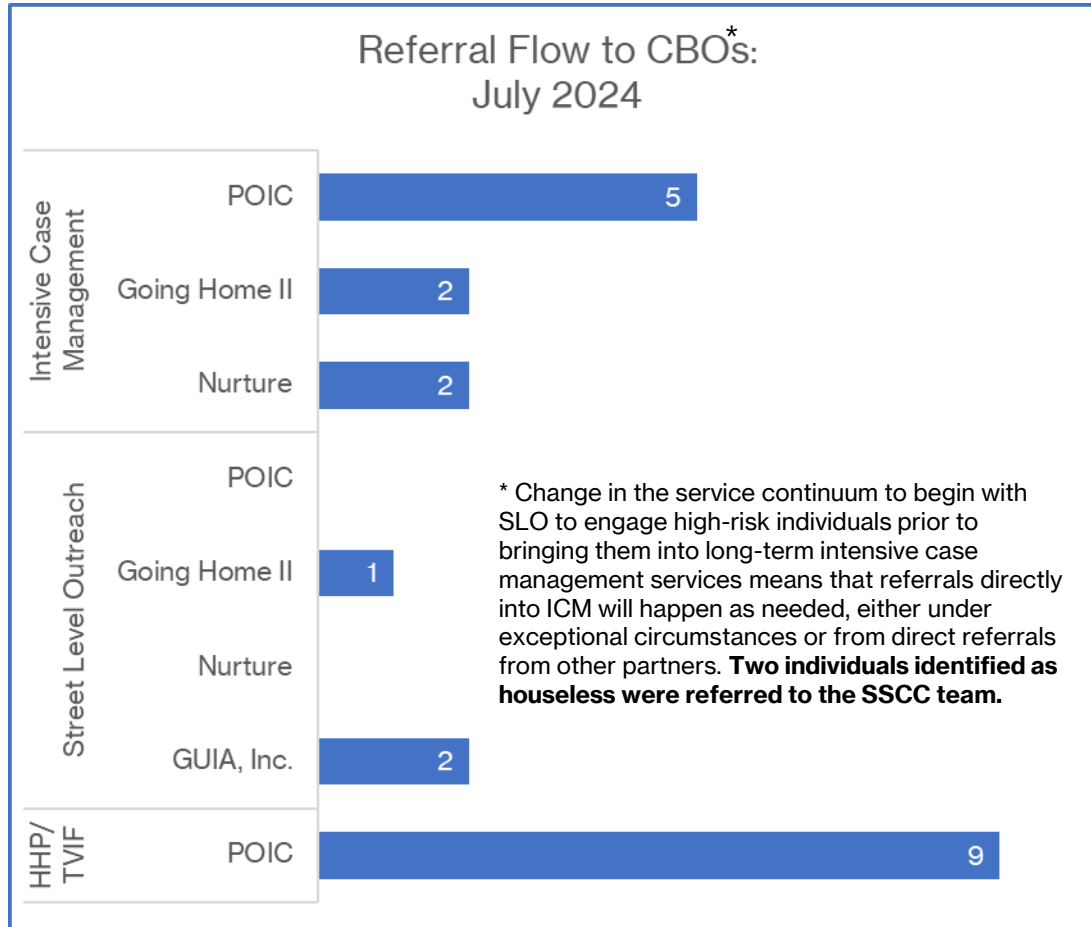
- **2** relentless pursuit



- **1** refused services



Ceasefire Referral Flow & Characteristics (n=23): July 2024





August 2024



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Ceasefire Referrals: August 2024 (19 GV Injury/Fatality Incidents)



- # of individuals assessed as high-risk in Shooting Reviews

0 Custom Notifications & Call-Ins¹

¹ Each Call-In includes multiple high-risk individuals who are associated.

- # of high-risk individuals referred to CVI services
- **10** via Shooting Reviews
- **14** additional referrals from partners

3 individuals / families received relocation services

² **One** individual was identified as houseless and referred to the SSCC team.

- referrals to CVI services



- **18** referred to SLO/ICM



- **6** referred to / contacted by HHP



- **0** referred to TVIF



- # engaged in CVI services.
- **15** enrolled in **Life Coaching** (13 ICM and 2 HHP/TVIF)

4 received short-term emergency services from HHP/TVIF

- **2** engaged with **SLO** and in the **ICM** pipeline



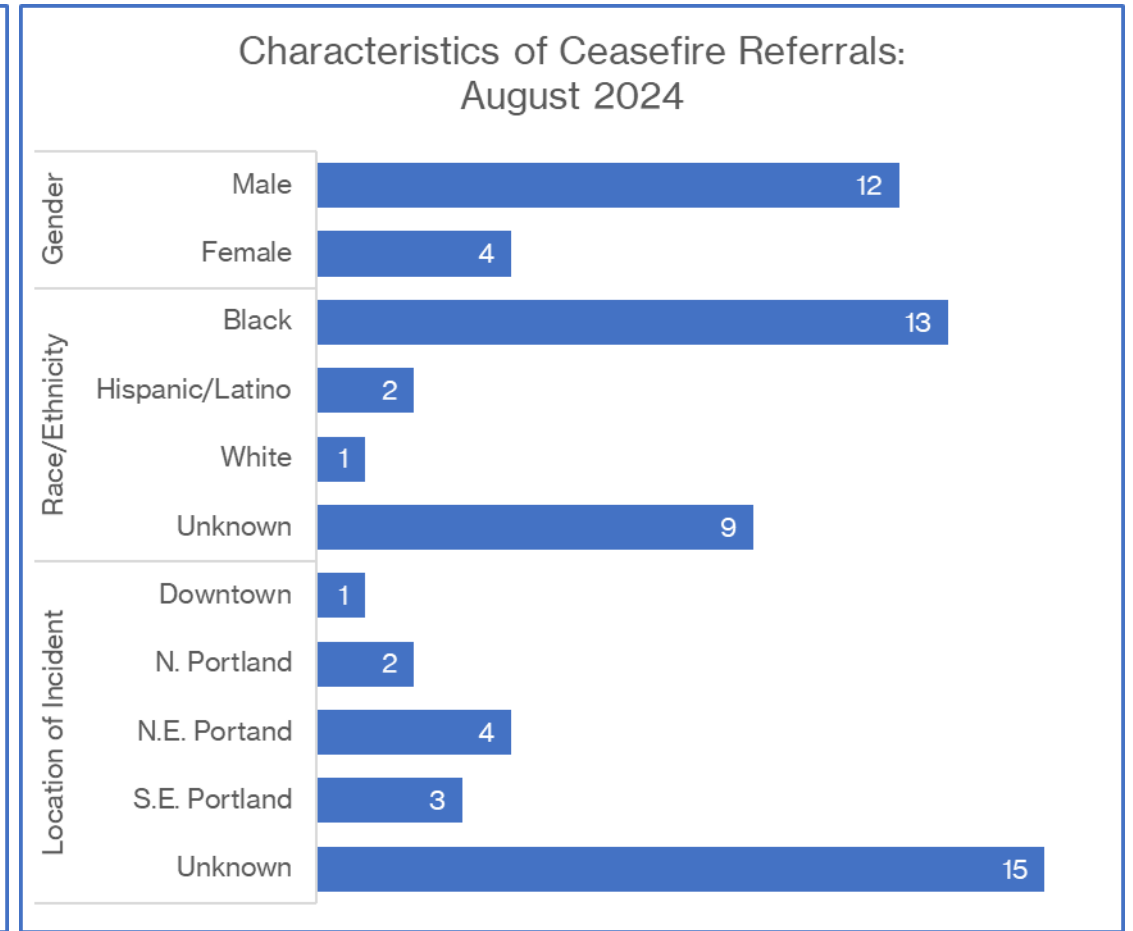
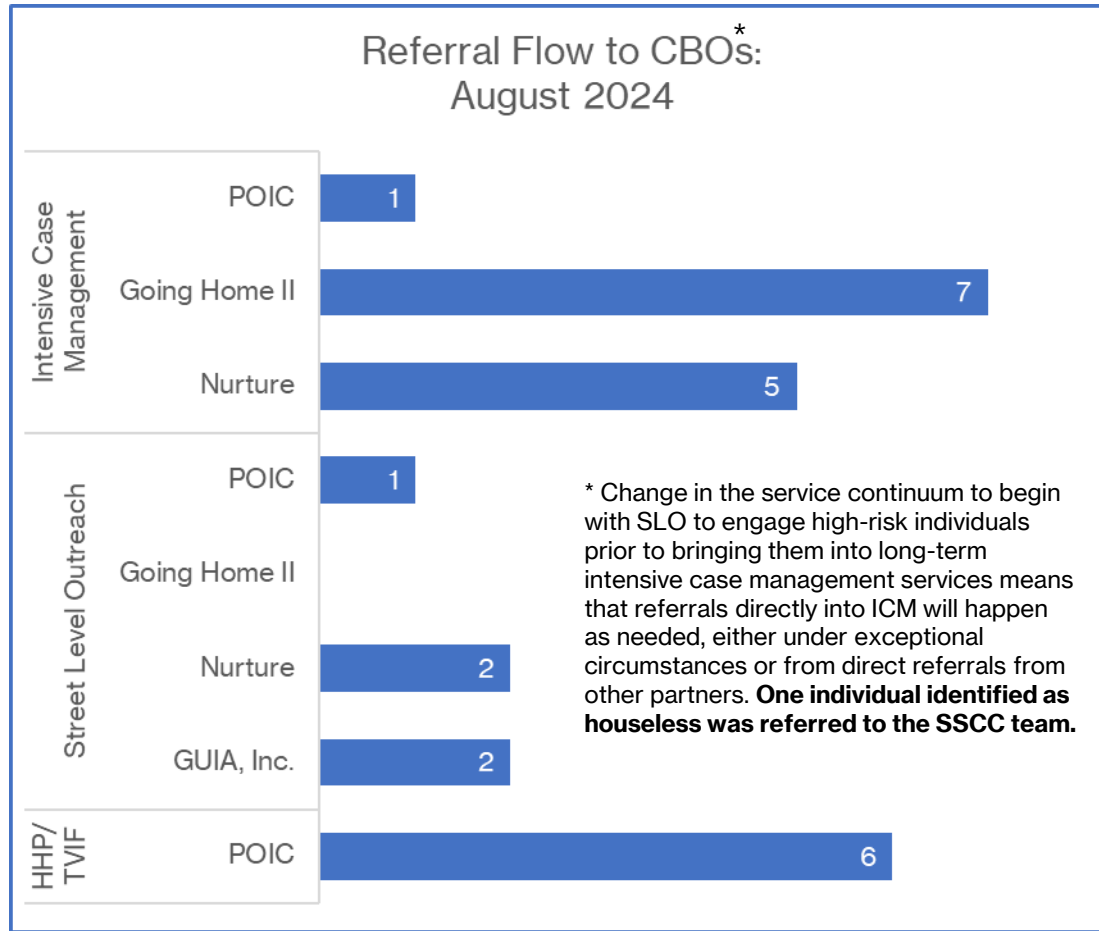
- **3** relentless pursuit



- **0** refused services



Ceasefire Referral Flow & Characteristics (n=25): August 2024





September 2024



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Ceasefire Referrals: September 2024 (23 GV Injury/Fatality Incidents)



- # of individuals assessed as high-risk in Shooting Reviews

3 Custom Notifications & **0** Call-Ins¹

¹ Each Call-In includes multiple high-risk individuals who are associated.

- # of high-risk individuals referred to CVI services
- **25** via Shooting Reviews
- **8** additional referrals from partners

8 individuals / families received relocation services

² Ten individuals were identified as houseless and referred to the SSCC team.

- referrals to CVI services



- **30** referred to SLO/ICM



- **2** referred to / contacted by HHP



- **1** referred to TVIF



- # engaged in CVI services.
- **18** enrolled in **Life Coaching** (16 ICM and 2 HHP/TVIF)

1 received short-term emergency services from HHP/TVIF

- **3** engaged with **SLO** and in the ICM pipeline



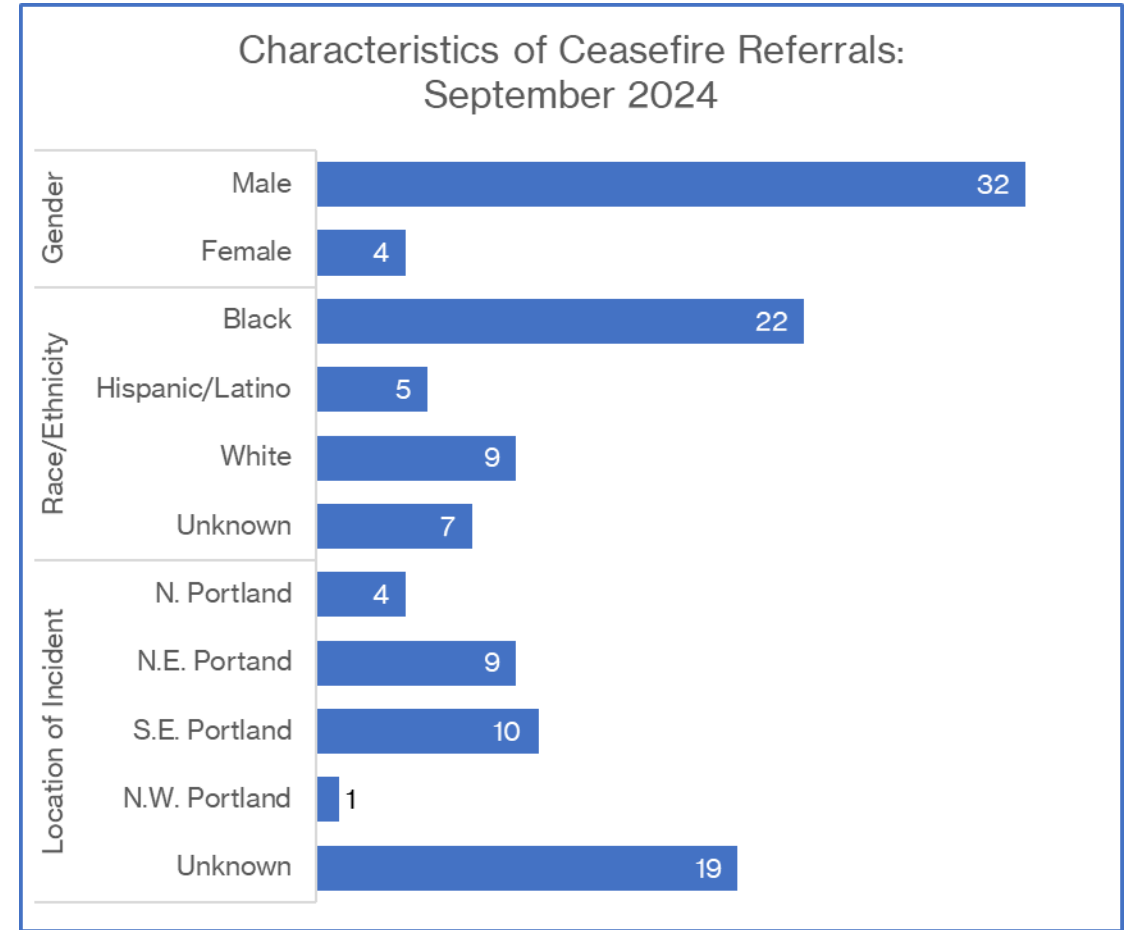
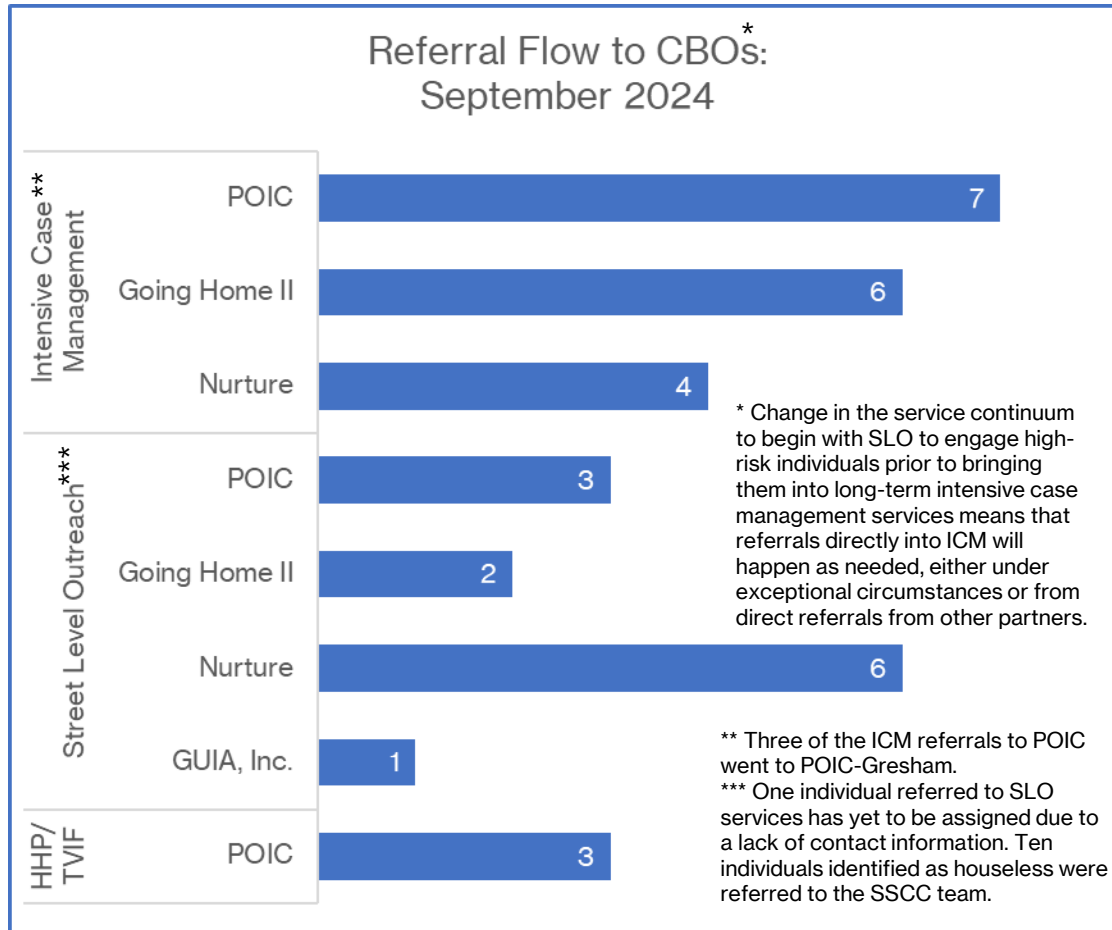
- **8** relentless pursuit



- **3** refused services



Ceasefire Referral Flow & Characteristics (n=43): September 2024





October 2024



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Ceasefire Referrals: October 2024 (19 GV Injury/Fatality Incidents)

44

Assessments



- # of individuals assessed as high-risk in Shooting Reviews

3 Custom Notifications & **0** Call-Ins¹

¹ Each Call-In includes multiple high-risk individuals who are associated.

36

Referrals (In)²

- # of high-risk individuals referred to CVI services
- **34** via Shooting Reviews
- **2** additional referrals from partners

6 individuals / families received relocation services

² **Ten** individuals ended up not being referred to services through OVP. **3** were identified as houseless and referred to the SSCC team; **4** referrals are pending due to current open cases and/or investigations; and **3** don't meet criteria as high-risk.

36

Referrals (Out)³

- referrals to CVI services



- **27** referred to SLO/ICM



- **9** referred to / contacted by HHP



- **3** referred to TVIF

³ Two individual were referred to dual ICM & TVIF services, and one was referred to dual HHP & TVIF services.

22

Engaged⁴

- # engaged in CVI services.



- **17** enrolled in **Life Coaching** (11 ICM and 6 HHP/TVIF)

3 received short-term emergency services from HHP/TVIF

- **4** engaged with **SLO** and in the ICM pipeline



- **9** relentless pursuit

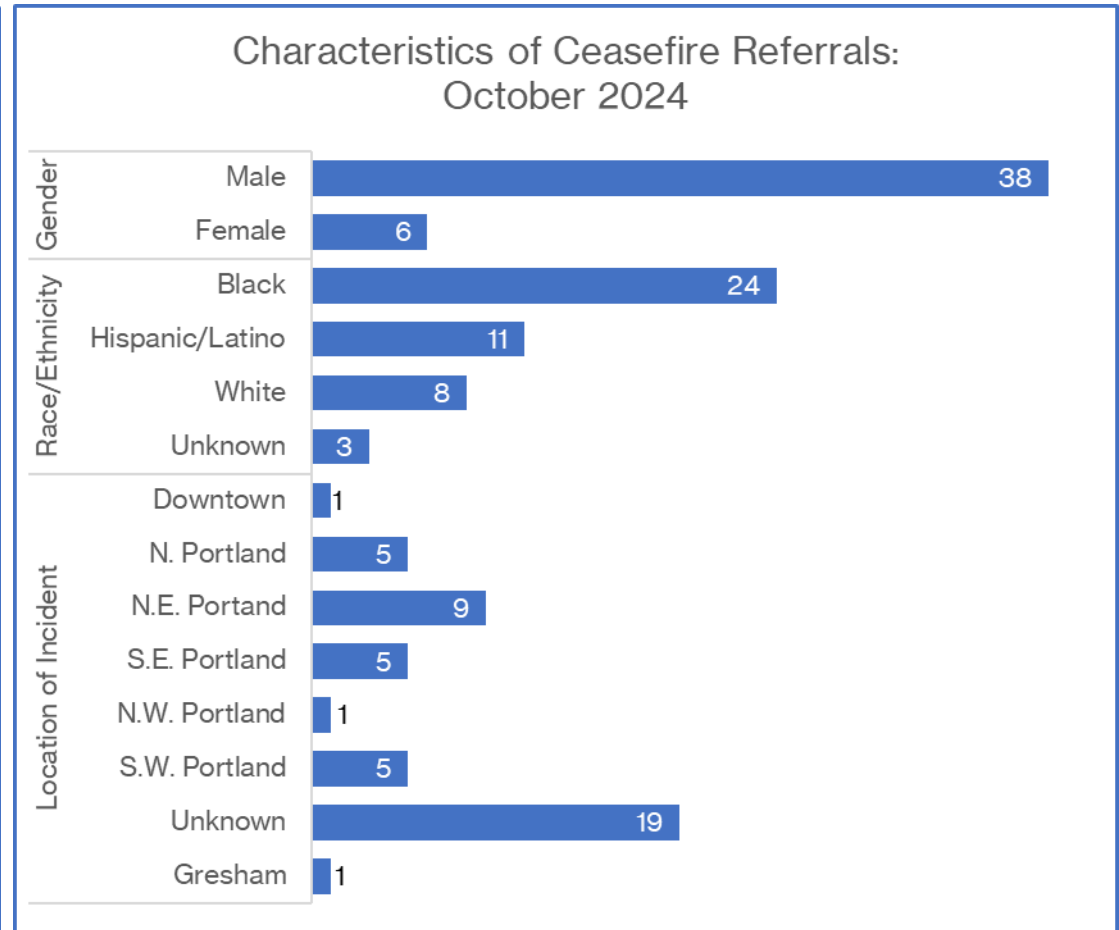
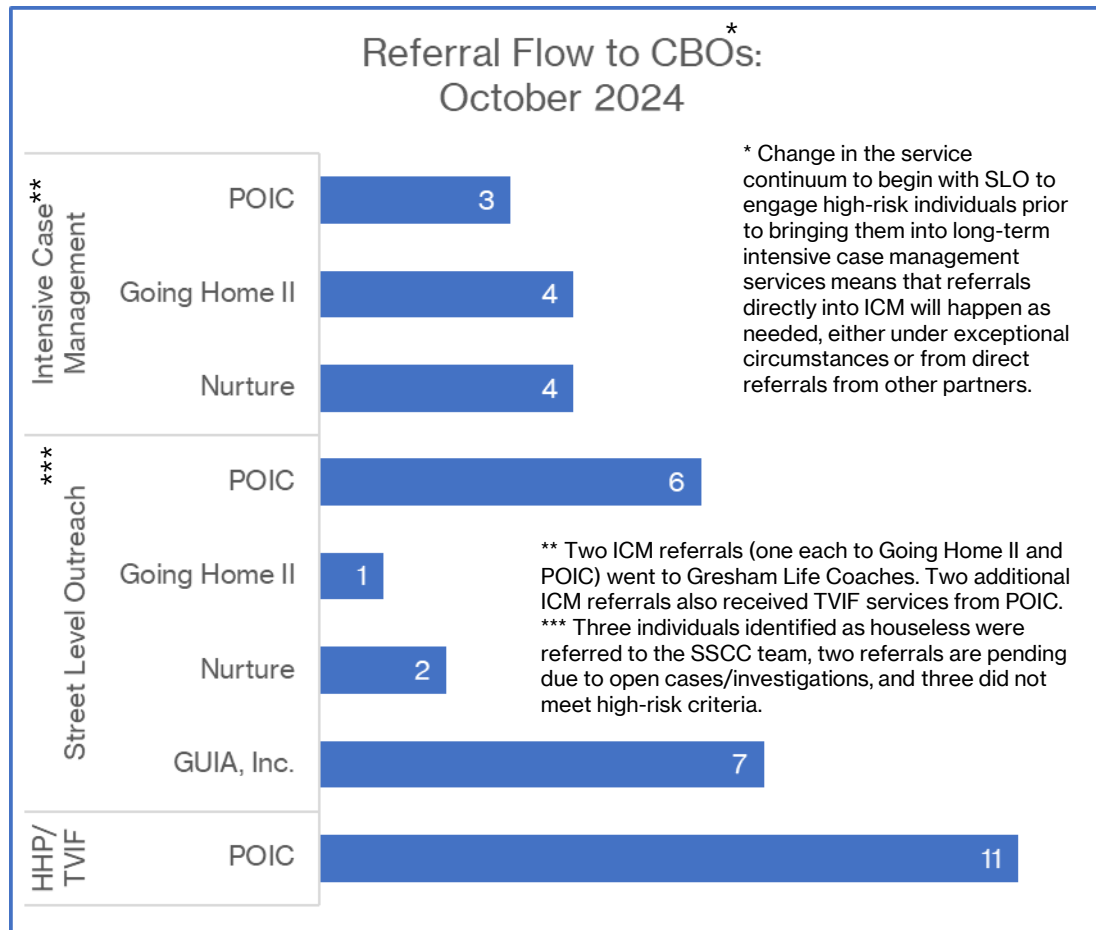


- **5** refused services

⁴ ICM/TVIF: **2** individuals are receiving dual services and are double counted.



Ceasefire Referral Flow & Characteristics (n=46): October 2024





November 2024



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Ceasefire Referrals: November 2024 (14 GV Injury/Fatality Incidents)



- # of individuals assessed as high-risk in Shooting Reviews

0 Custom Notifications & **2** Call-Ins¹ with 20 individuals

¹ Each Call-In includes multiple high-risk individuals who are associated.

- # of high-risk individuals referred to CVI services
- **23** via Shooting Reviews
- **2** additional referrals from partners

0 individuals / families received relocation services

² **Two** individuals were identified as houseless and referred to the SSCC team.

- referrals to CVI services



- **19** referred to SLO/ICM



- **4** referred to / contacted by HHP



- **3** referred to TVIF

³ One individual was referred to dual SLO & HHP services.

- # engaged in CVI services.



- **4** enrolled in **Life Coaching** (2 ICM and 4 HHP/TVIF)

1 received short-term emergency services from HHP/TVIF

- **0** engaged with **SLO** and in the **ICM** pipeline



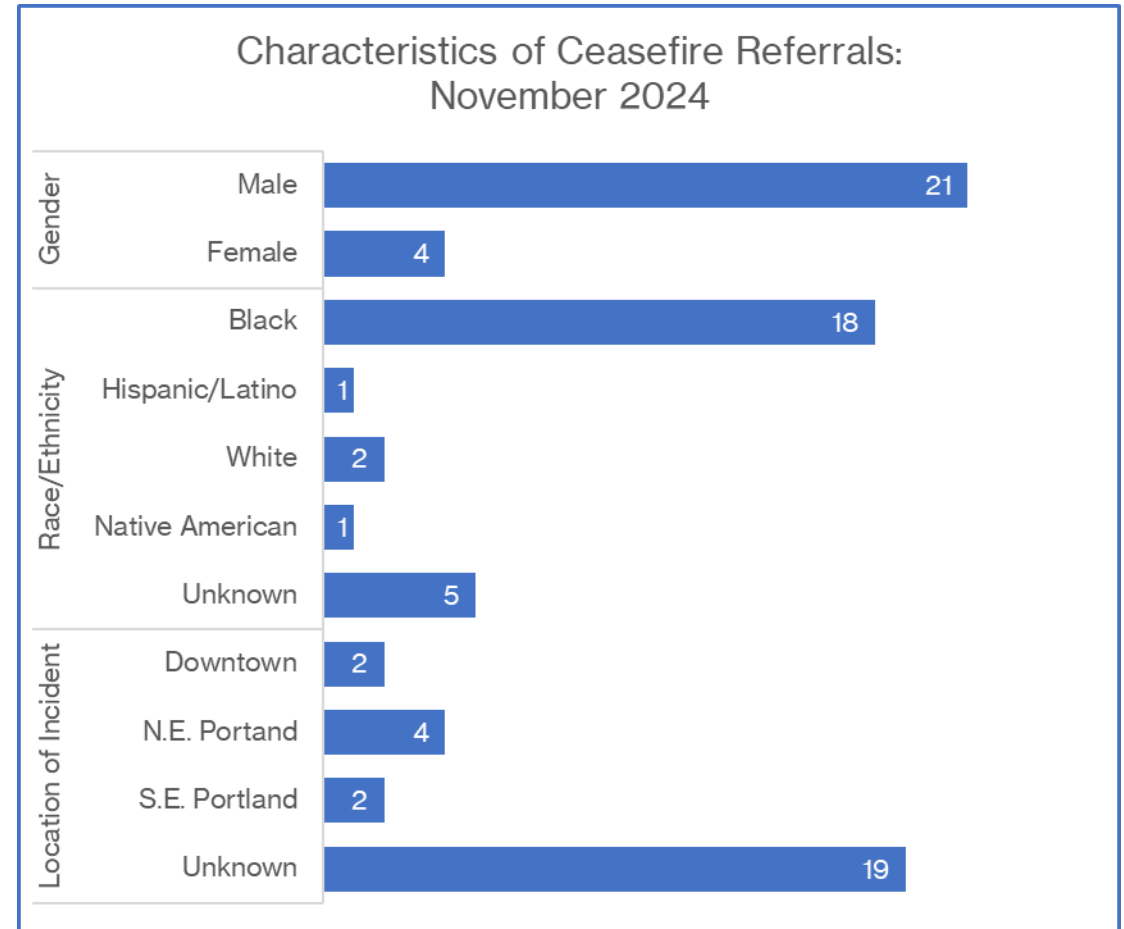
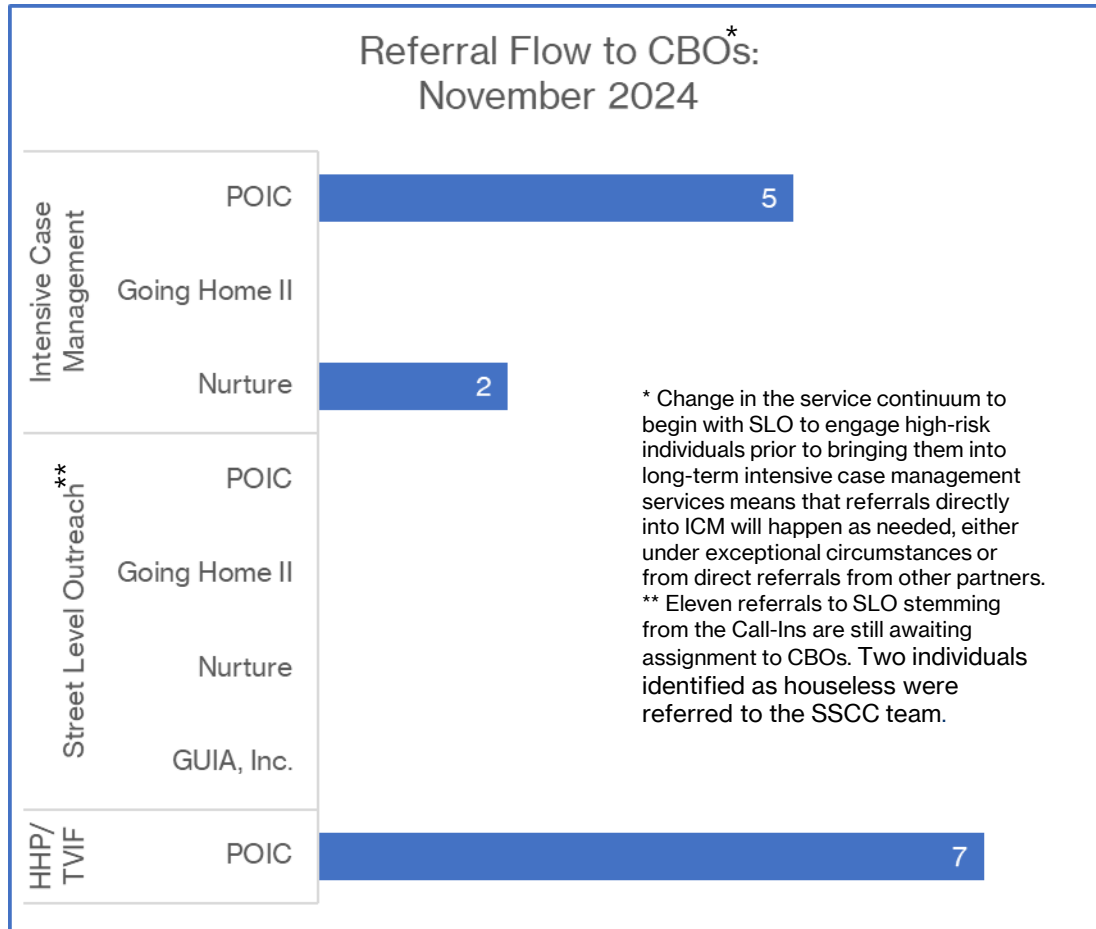
- **18** relentless pursuit



- **2** refused services



Ceasefire Referral Flow & Characteristics (n=27): November 2024





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Ceasefire Referrals: December 2024 (13 GV Injury/Fatality Incidents)



- # of individuals assessed as high-risk in Shooting Reviews

0 Custom Notifications & Call-Ins¹

¹ Each Call-In includes multiple high-risk individuals who are associated.

- # of high-risk individuals referred to CVI services
- 6 via Shooting Reviews
- 0 additional referrals from partners

0 individuals / families received relocation services

² 3 individuals were identified as houseless and referred to the SSCC team. 2 individuals was determined to not be high-risk.

- referrals to CVI services



- 3 referred to SLO/ICM



- 3 referred to / contacted by HHP



- 0 referred to TVIF

- # engaged in CVI services.



- 2 enrolled in **Life Coaching** (0 ICM and 2 HHP/TVIF)

1 received short-term emergency services from HHP/TVIF

- 1 engaged with **SLO** and in the ICM pipeline



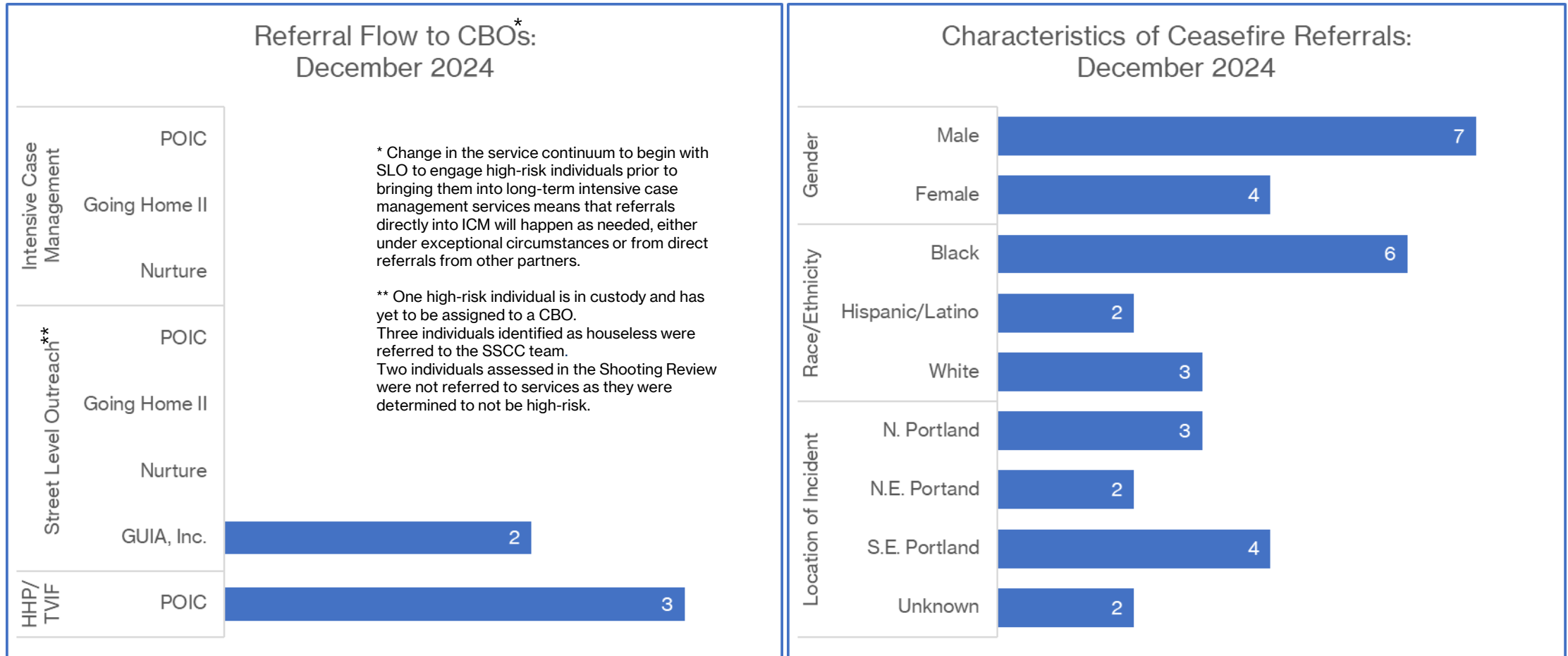
- 2 relentless pursuit



- 0 refused services



Ceasefire Referral Flow & Characteristics (n=11): December 2024





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