

**STREET OVERDOSE
RESPONSE TEAM (SORT)**





**JANUARY 2022
UPDATE**

The goals of the San Francisco Street Overdose Response Team are to reduce the risk of opioid-related death of individuals who have recently experienced an overdose, contribute to an overall reduction in overdose deaths through referrals and care coordination with community-based organizations, and to provide support to people who have survived any overdose.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

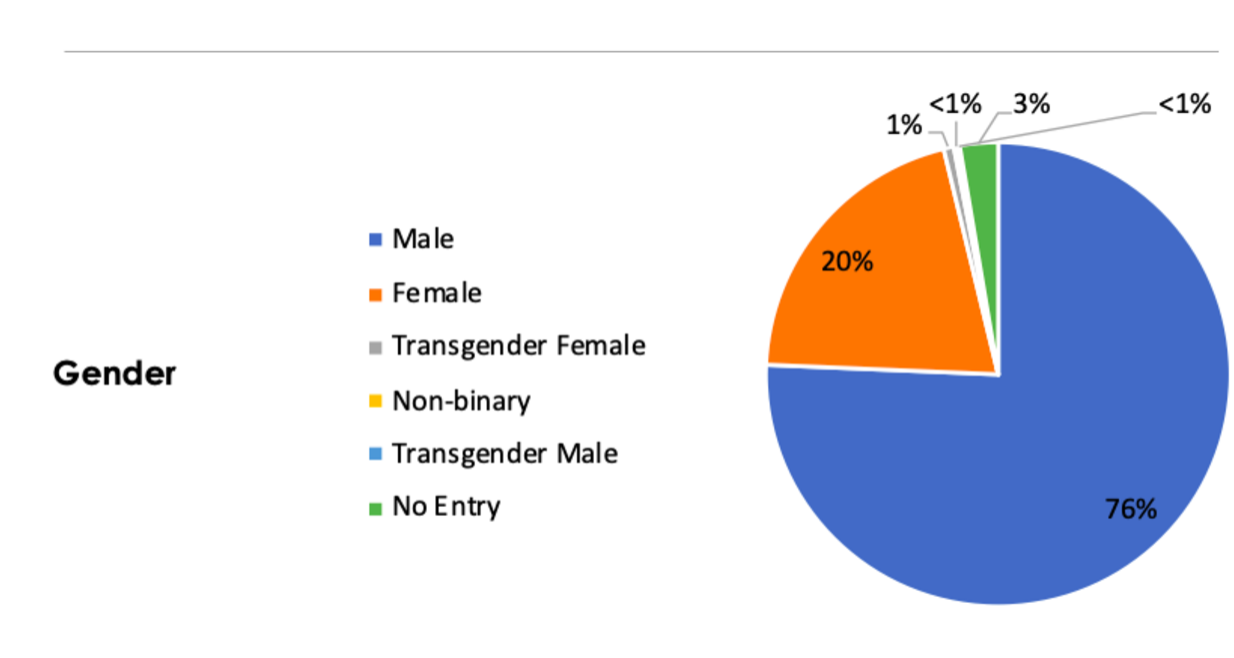
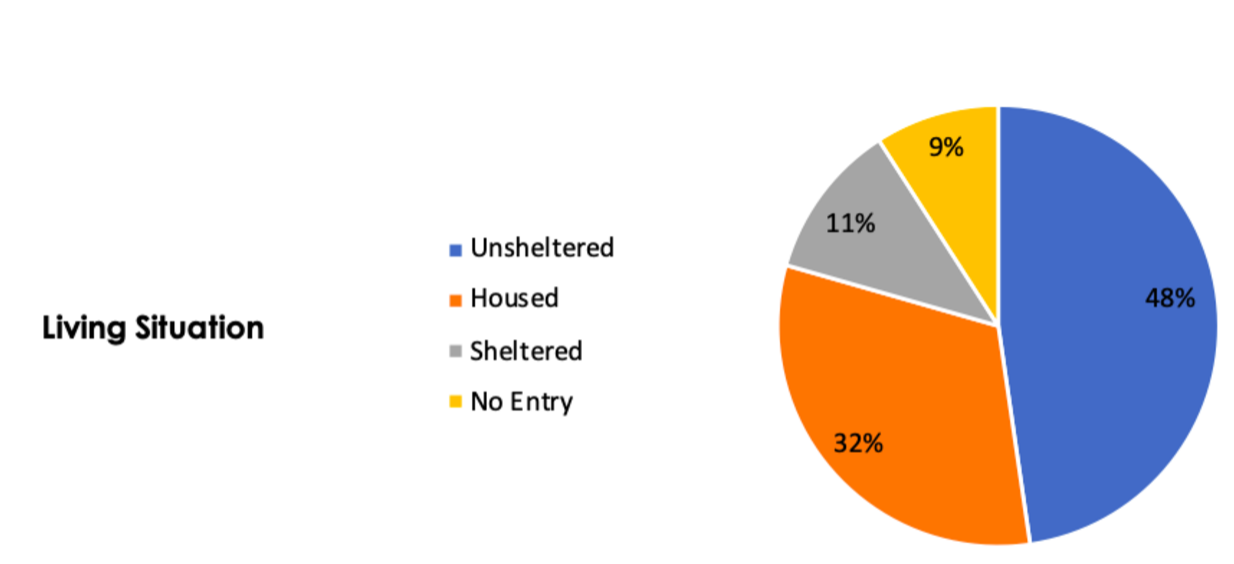
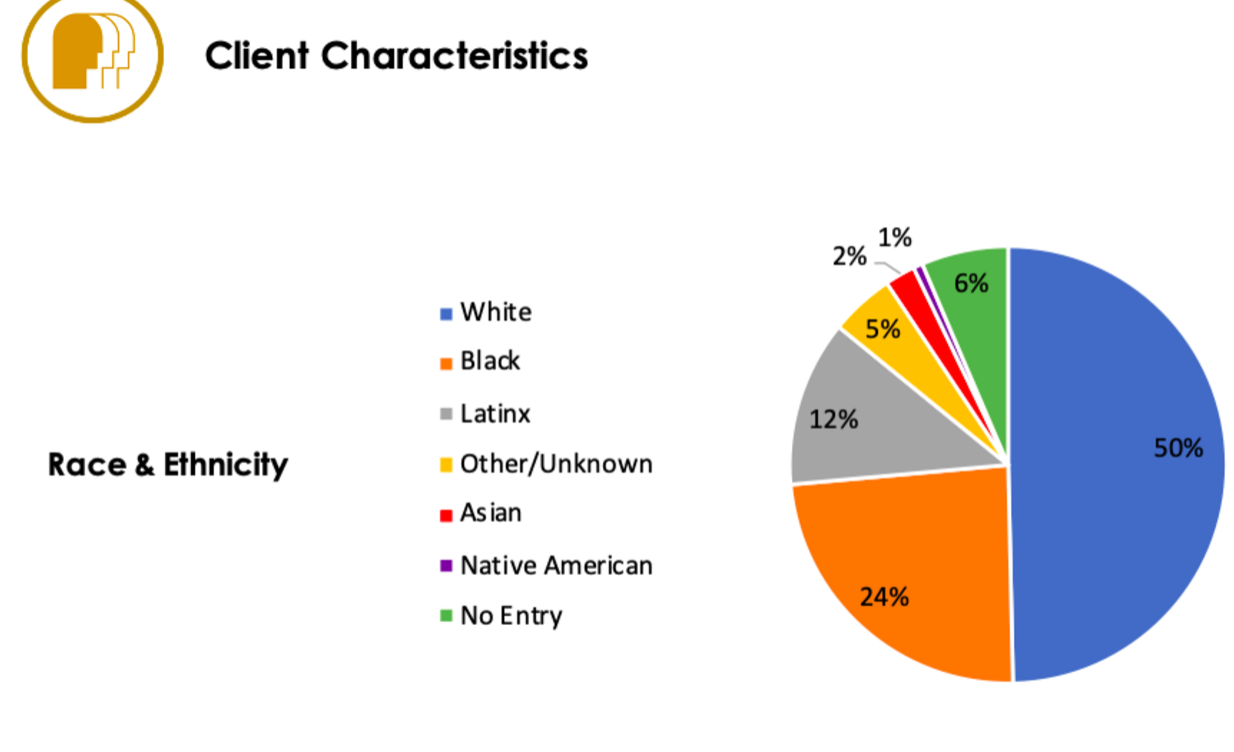
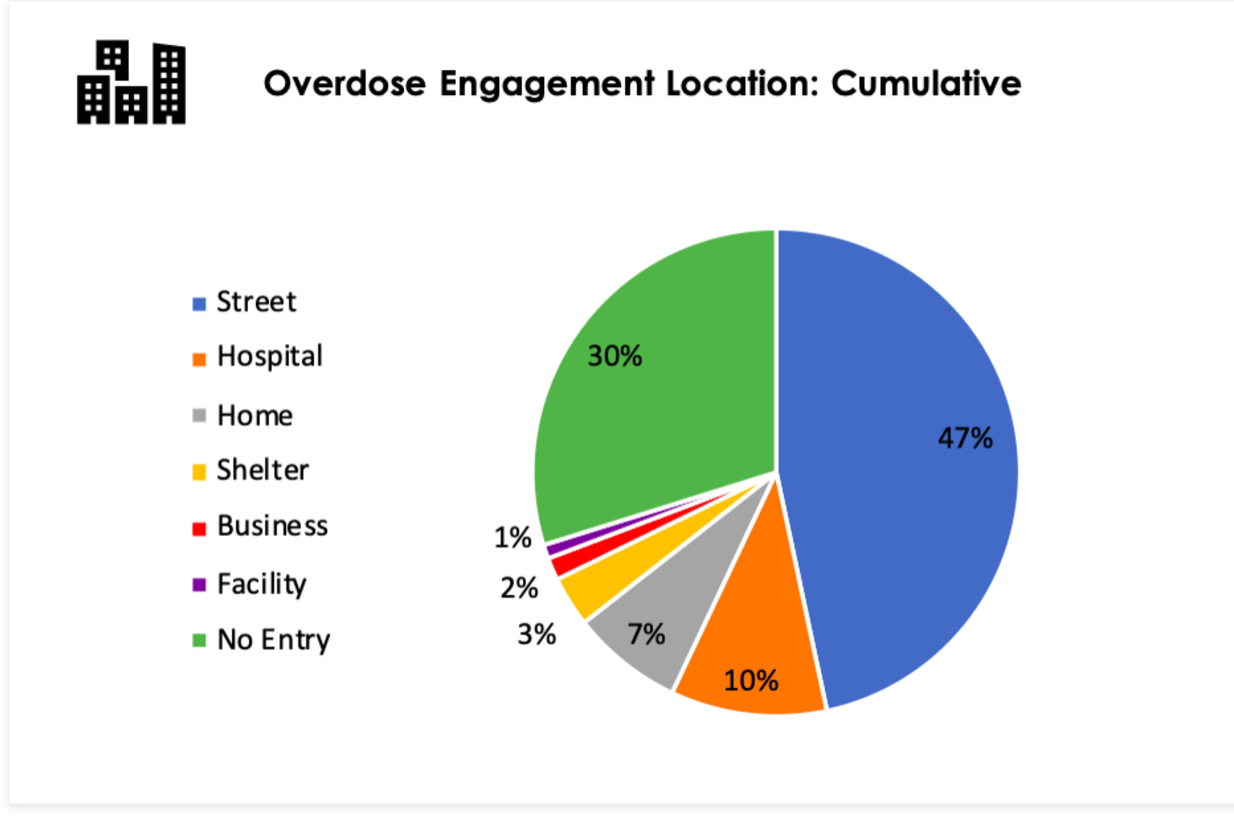
The SORT Response Team has been active since the program launch and continues to monitor and respond to calls that appear to be for an overdose. The team engages clients, provides harm reduction supplies and resources, connects clients to Street Medicine providers, and coordinates care with the Post Overdose Engagement Team.

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 Calls Handled by SORT*	January 180	Cumulative* 937
 Calls Including an Overdose	January 82	Cumulative 564
 Calls That Include Buprenorphine** Starts	January 3	Cumulative 39
 Clients who accepted harm reductions supplies	January 44	Cumulative 442


*Cumulative counts are on data since pilot launch (August 2, 2021 – January 31, 2022). The SORT Response Team monitors and responds to calls that clearly state or appear to be for an overdose as there is not an overdose-specific dispatch call code. As a result, some calls the team responds to might not include an overdose. Due to COVID and staffing challenges the response team was down for 5 days during the month of January.

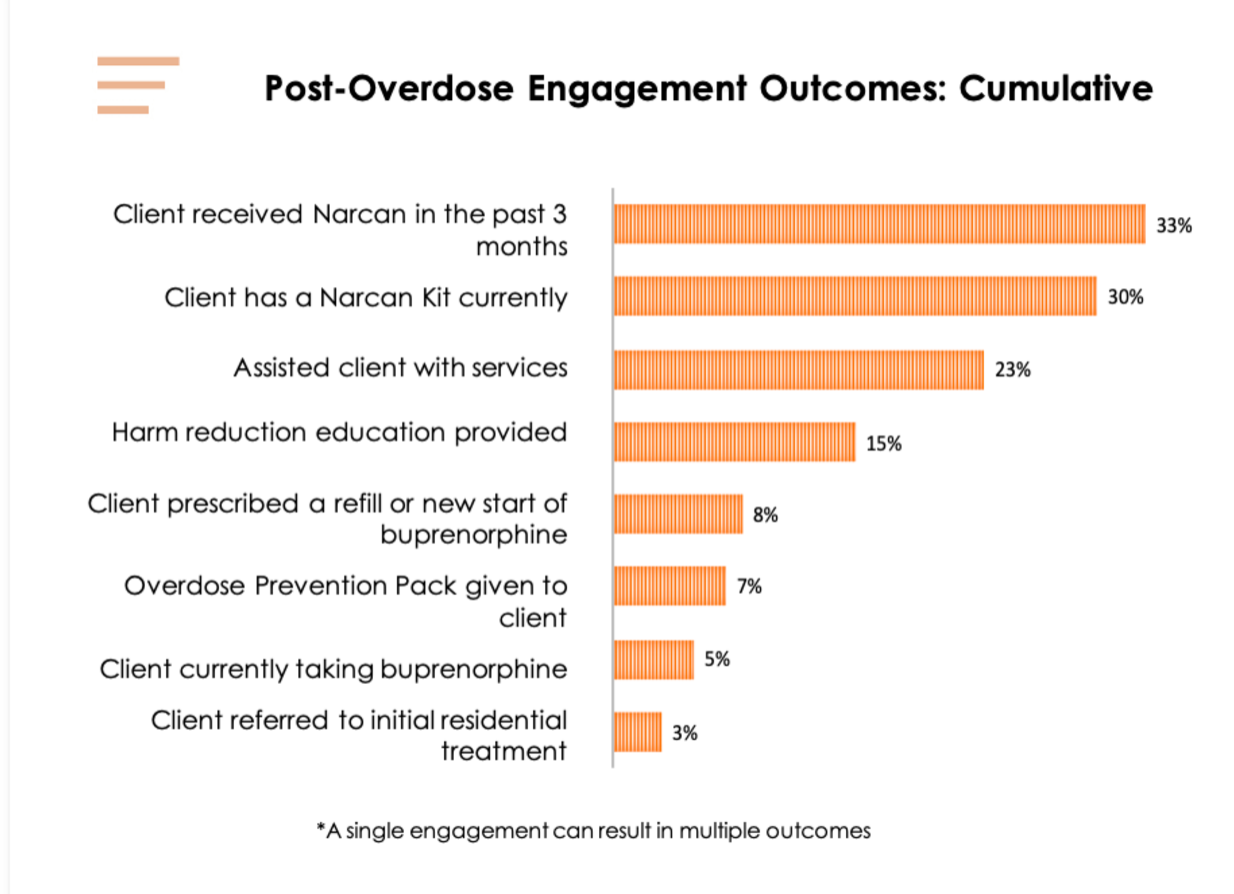
**Buprenorphine is a medication that is used for treatment of opioid use disorder. It is prescribed by SORT's Street Medicine providers. Buprenorphine prevents withdrawal and reduces cravings. Because it's somewhat like opioids, there are some effects from it that are similar to opioids (mild sedation, respiratory depression, and euphoria) but to a much lesser extent. If someone is taking buprenorphine every day, their risk of overdose is greatly reduced.



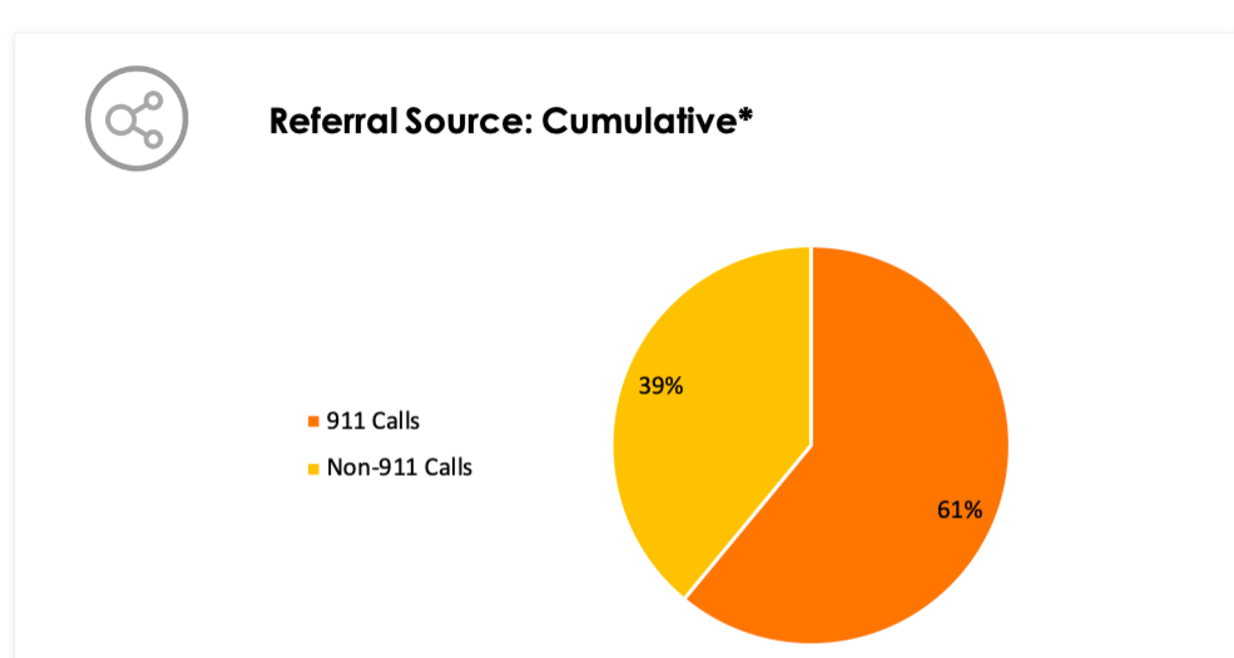
The SORT Post-Overdose Engagement Team is beginning their follow up efforts and continues to increase staffing and capacity. The team focuses on persons experiencing homelessness and aims to achieve in-person follow up within 72 hours after an overdose event. Engagement includes connections to case management, peer support, therapeutic interventions, and ongoing medical treatment.

**POST-OVERDOSE
ENGAGEMENT TEAM
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 Post-Overdose Engagement Team Rate of Follow Up	January 55% n=67	*Cumulative 45% n=281
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*Cumulative counts are on data since Post-Overdose Engagement team launch (October 18, 2021 – January 31, 2022). The team follows up with clients who had a recent overdose and did not refuse follow up (n=281). Note: the client pool has been expanded to include both unhoused and housed clients. The team defines a successful follow up engagement as in person or phone contact with the client within 72 hours of an overdose. Engagement efforts were limited in December by COVID and related staffing issues.



*As of December, the Post Overdose Engagement Team has started following up with an additional pool of clients who have recently survived an overdose. In addition to SORT Response Team (911) calls) clients, follow up is also being conducted with clients who are referred by clinics, hospitals, and community organizations.

For more information about the Street Overdose Response Team please visit: [SORT_Press_Release.pdf](#)

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