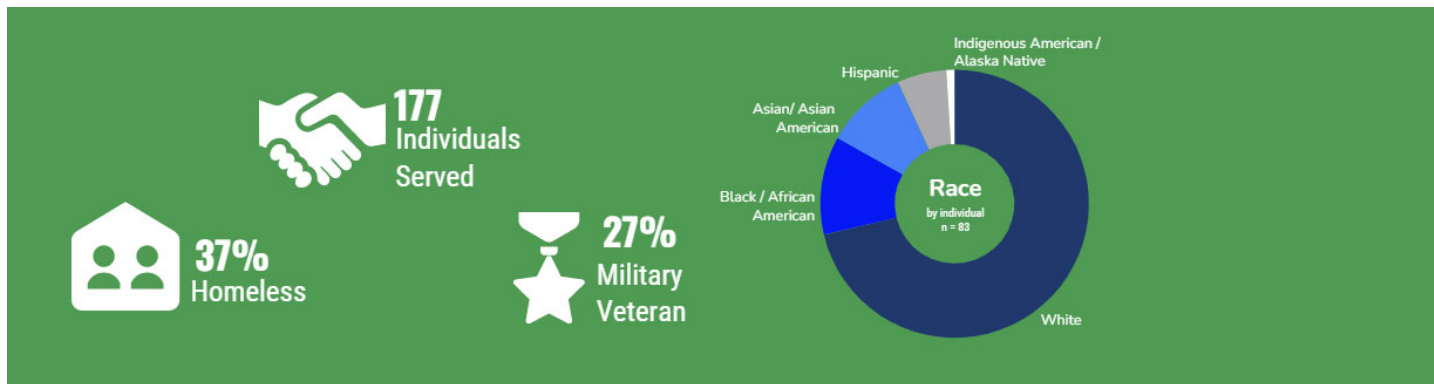


RADAR Navigator Program 2022 Shoreline City Report

The North Sound RADAR Navigator Program embeds Mental Health Professional Navigators in the field with law enforcement officers to address the needs of community members in crisis, and connect them to the community of care. RADAR Navigators respond to in-progress calls to provide crisis de-escalation and support, and follow up after law enforcement contact. When an officer or deputy in North King County encounters someone with a behavioral health or basic need, they refer to a Navigator for follow up assessment and referral. Often, this looks like a social worker reaching out to someone within a few days of their contact with police to help connect them to basic needs or mental health resources in the community. The RADAR Navigator Program serves the city of Shoreline, as well as neighboring Kenmore, Lake Forest Park, Bothell and Kirkland.

During 2022, Mental Health Professional Navigators met with 177 individuals in Shoreline, some multiple times, during a total of 481 encounters. The average length of encounter was 28 minutes, which represents quick check-ins as well as hours-long encounters where the Navigator stays with a person until they are de-escalated, able to accept help, and linked to the next step in the community of care. Of the individuals served by the RADAR Navigator Program in Shoreline during 2022 for whom data was available, 37% were experiencing homelessness and 21% identified as military veterans. 72% of individuals served were White, 12% were Black/African American, 10% were Asian/Pacific Islander, 6% identified as Hispanic, and 1% were Indigenous American/Alaska Native.



RADAR Navigators responded to a wide variety of calls with Shoreline deputies during 2022, with increased coverage and a Navigator available to Shoreline deputies full-time. Several themes emerged in Shoreline: this year we saw more people with behavioral health conditions living homeless, and a larger number of domestic violence cases.

In 2022 the RADAR Navigator Program was funded by grants from the King County MIDD Behavioral Health Tax Levy, and the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs. In 2023 the RADAR Navigator Program will become Regional Crisis Response (RCR) Agency, and with funding from the City of Shoreline and the other partner cities will offer robust coverage seven days a week.



North Sound RADAR Navigator Program 2022 Annual Report

568 People Served

54% Connected to Services

The North Sound RADAR Navigator Program serves the cities of Bothell, Kenmore, Kirkland, Lake Forest Park and Shoreline, providing crisis de-escalation, outreach, and referral to services. Navigators focus on moving people into community-based and long-term systems of care to reduce reliance on the crisis and criminal legal systems and improve peoples lives. The program is funded by King County's MIDD Behavioral Health Tax Levy and the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs. More information at www.RADARNavigatorProgram.org.

Outcomes from past Services

Evaluators at King County Department of Community and Human Services provided us with system outcome data for people who were touched by the Navigator Program.

67% reduction in jail bookings



60% reduction in crisis services events



4% reduction in Emergency Department admissions



14% increase Medicaid-funded behavioral health services

2022 by the numbers

In 2022, the Navigators served 568 people during a total of 1,548 encounters.

Encounters can range from a quick phone check-in to multi-hour crisis de-escalations.

Of those individuals served...



21% were living homeless



680 referrals to community-based services



13% of individuals for whom data was available identified as veterans



What's next for RADAR?

Regional Crisis Response (RCR) Agency

In 2023, RADAR will merge with Kirkland's Community Responder program to form a new entity to provide community mobile crisis response services to all five RADAR cities.

RCR will have ten Mental Health Professional Responders to enhance public health, safety, and emergency response services, including crisis response awareness, support, and resource referral for community members experiencing behavioral health issues across the region.

RCR will be jointly governed and funded by the five cities, in addition to bedrock funding from the county and the state.

