

**Breaking all Barriers: Innovative
Ways to Combat the Opioid**

Epidemic

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Objectives

- Introduce model for effectively engaging individuals actively using opioids into Medication Assisted Treatment
- Introduce implementation strategies for developing sustainable community partnerships
- Gain better understanding of Peer Support Services within Medication Assisted Treatment



Opioid Epidemic in Arizona: Year at a Glance

- 1481 suspected opioid deaths
- 9543 suspected opioid overdoses
- 22,221 naloxone doses dispensed
- 6189 naloxone doses administered





Opioid Epidemic

- Addiction is a chronic, relapsing brain disease characterized by compulsive drug seeking and use, despite harmful consequences (NIDA)
- US is 5% of world's population
 - Consumes 80% of all opioids
- There are currently greater than 2.5 million people suffering with OUD
 - Approximately 350,000 on methadone





Opioid Epidemic

Overdose deaths increased in all categories of drugs examined for men and women, people ages 15 and older, all races and ethnicities, and across all levels of urbanization (CDC)



Treating Opioid Use Disorder

- Detoxification
- Residential
- MAT
 - Injectable Naltrexone
 - Buprenorphine
 - Methadone



CDC 5 point strategy for Opioid Epidemic

- Improving access
- Availability and distribution
Naloxone
- Public health data and reporting
- Supporting research on pain and addiction
- Advancing better practices for pain management



How to engage individuals actively using opioids?

- Moment of hope
- Increased access to care
- Peer Supports
- Remove barriers



Center of Excellence (COE): Opioid Use Disorders

- Primary Goal: to increase access to care into MAT for individuals actively using opioids
- Increase education surrounding OUD and available treatment options
- Strengthen MAT with Peer Supports
- Decrease preventable deaths with people actively using opioids



COE

- Opioid Treatment on Demand
 - Barrier- free induction to MAT for individuals seeking treatment
 - Provide all 3 forms of medication
 - Offer Naloxone to everyone



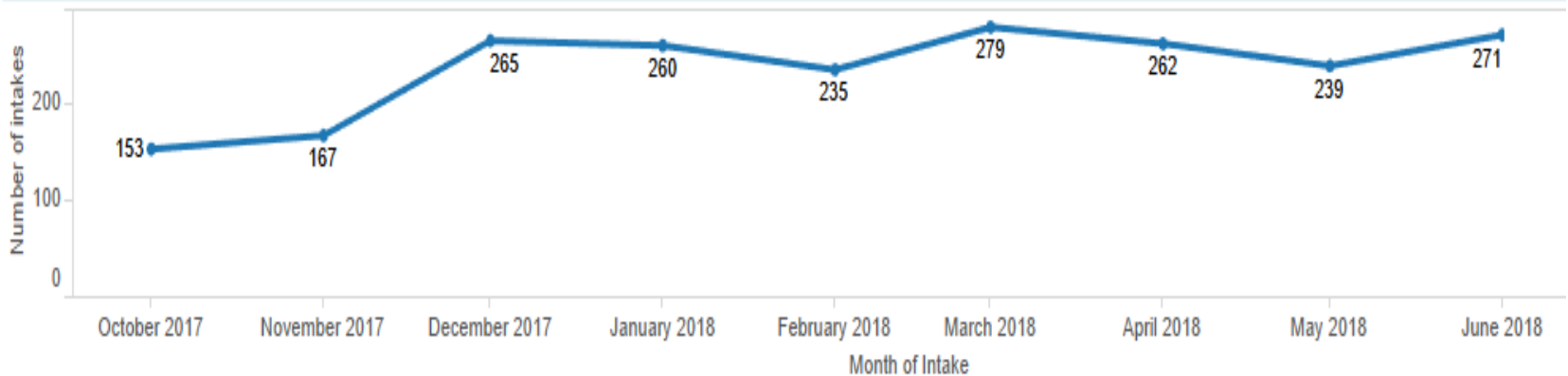
COE

- Getting started
 - Staffing
- Rapid growth
- Community collaboration and pushback
- Naloxone

COE Results:

2161 intakes (8 months)

How many intakes have occurred monthly at the COE?

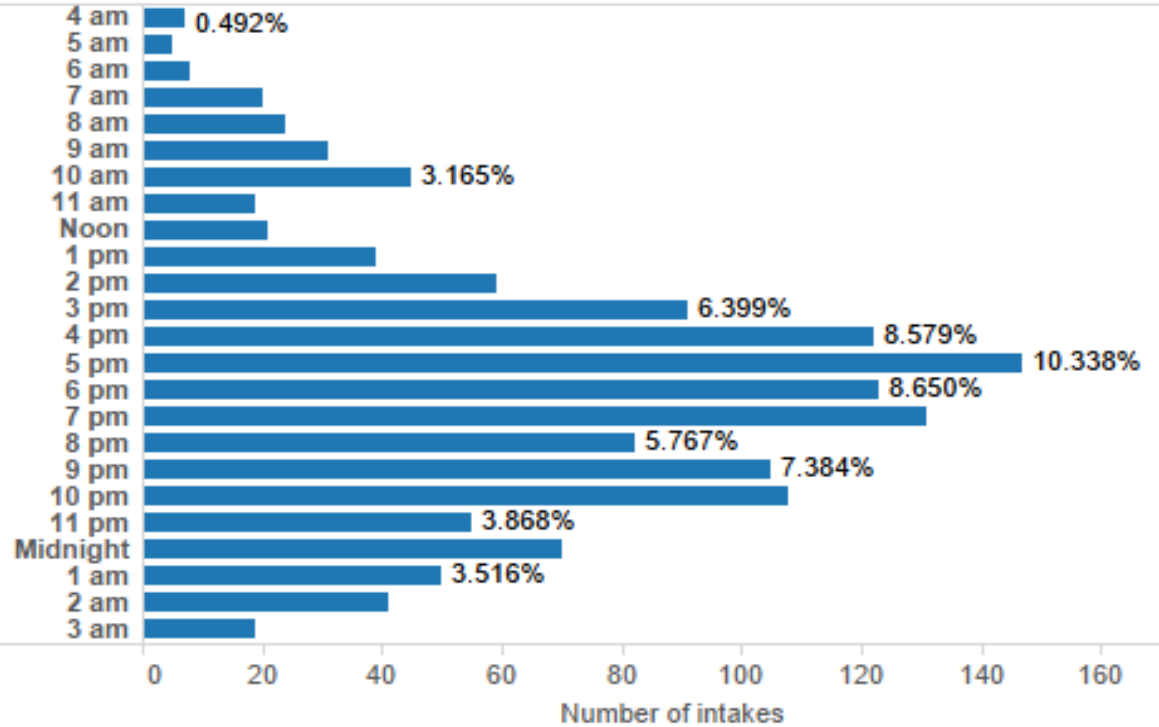


Moment of HOPE!!!



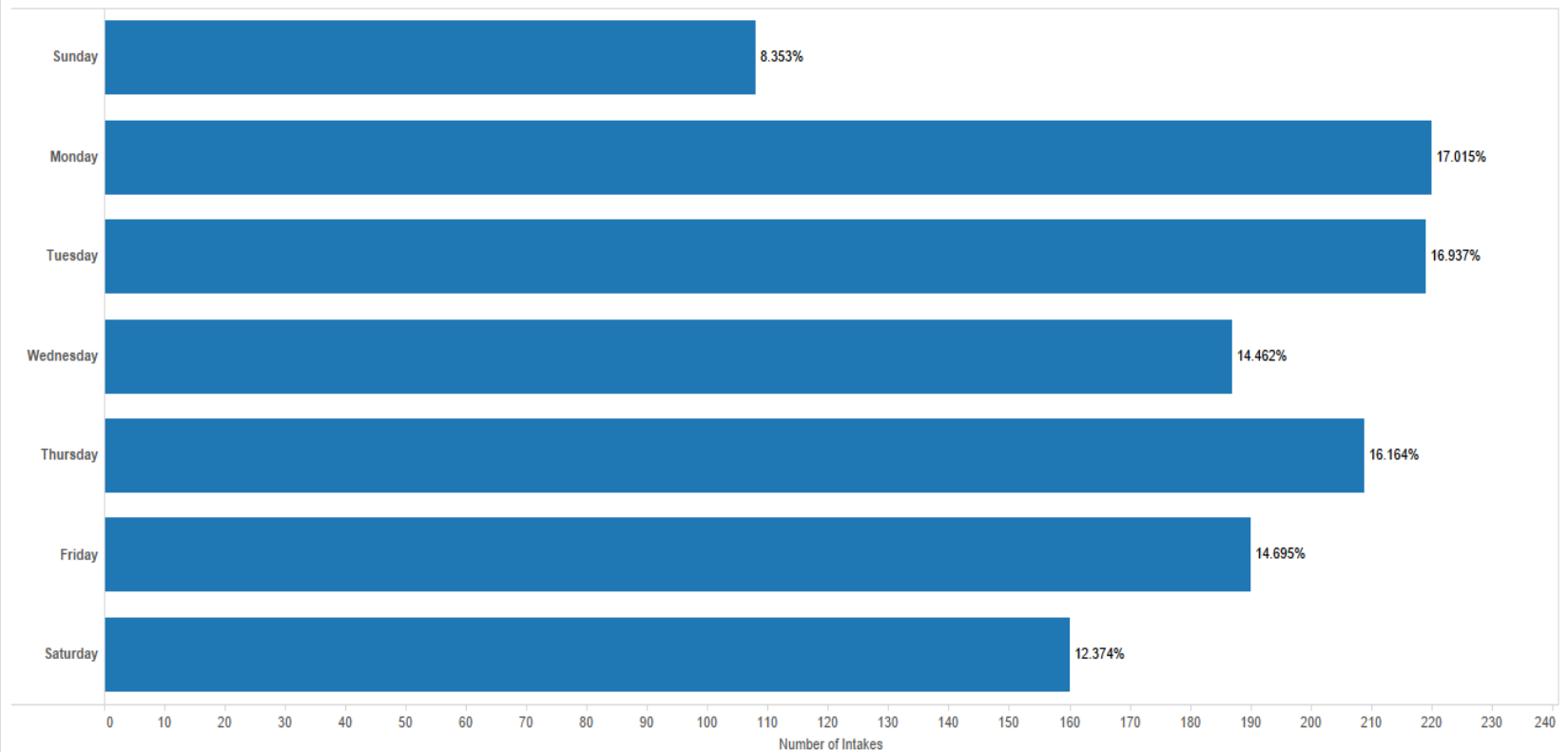
What estimated time are new clients being intaked into OTOD?

Estimated hour of intake



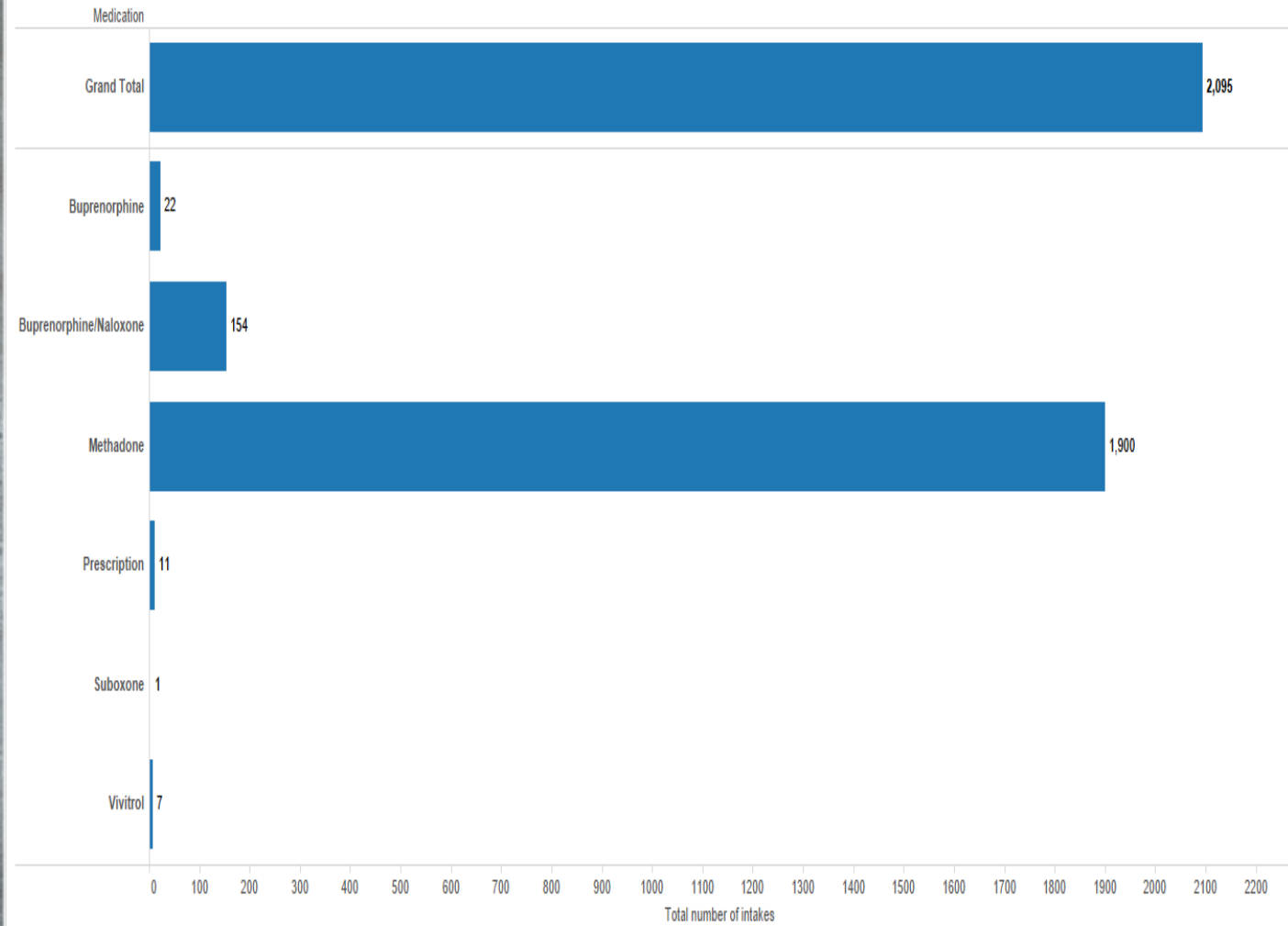
NO PERFECT TIME!!!

What day of the week are clients entering treatment?





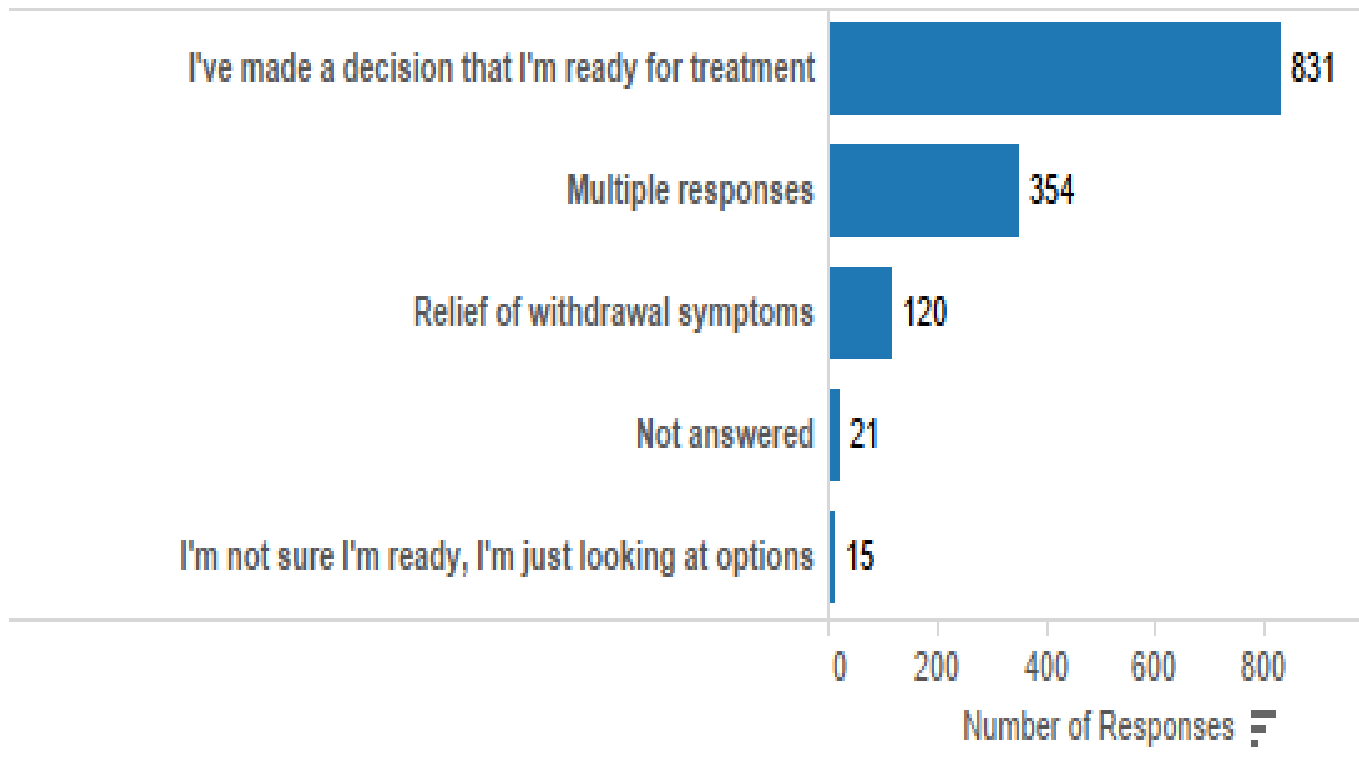
What medications are OTOD clients prescribed?



Why Today?

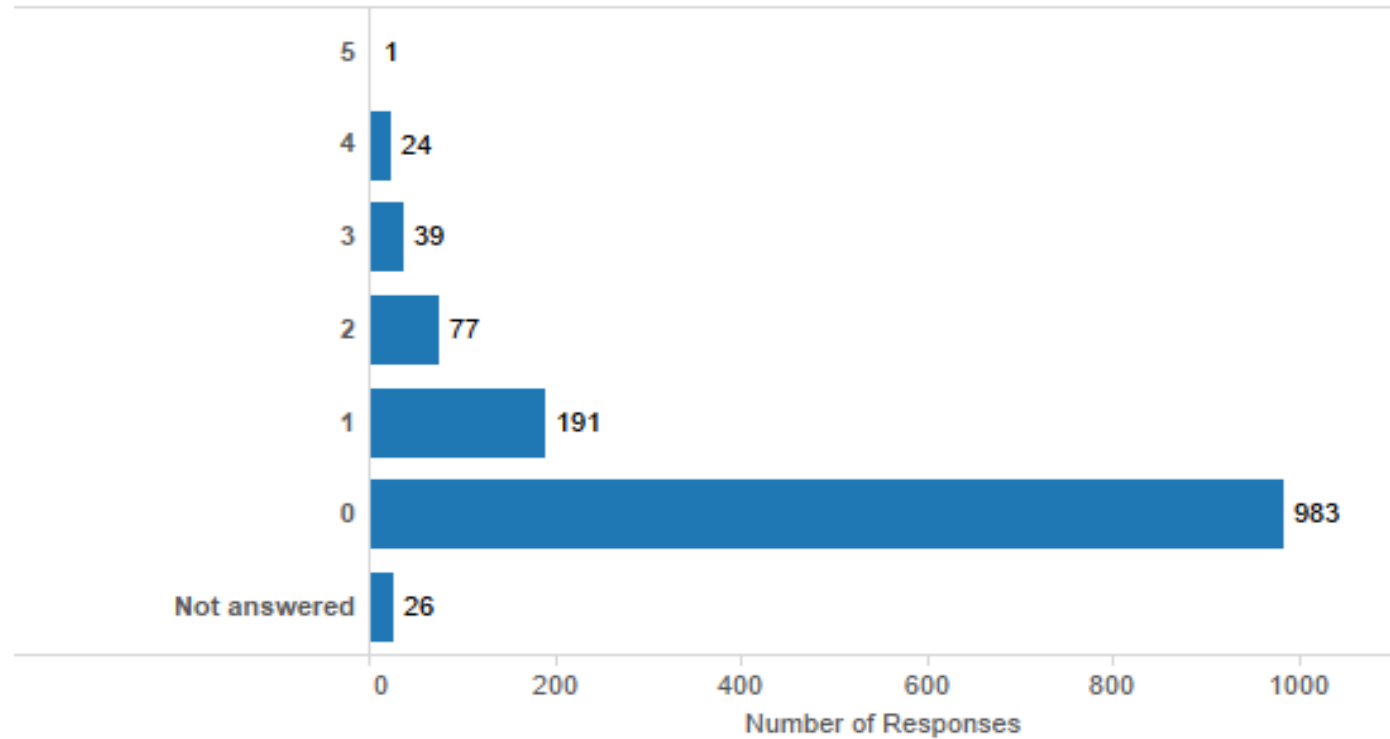


What situation best describes why you are here today?



Treatment Attempts

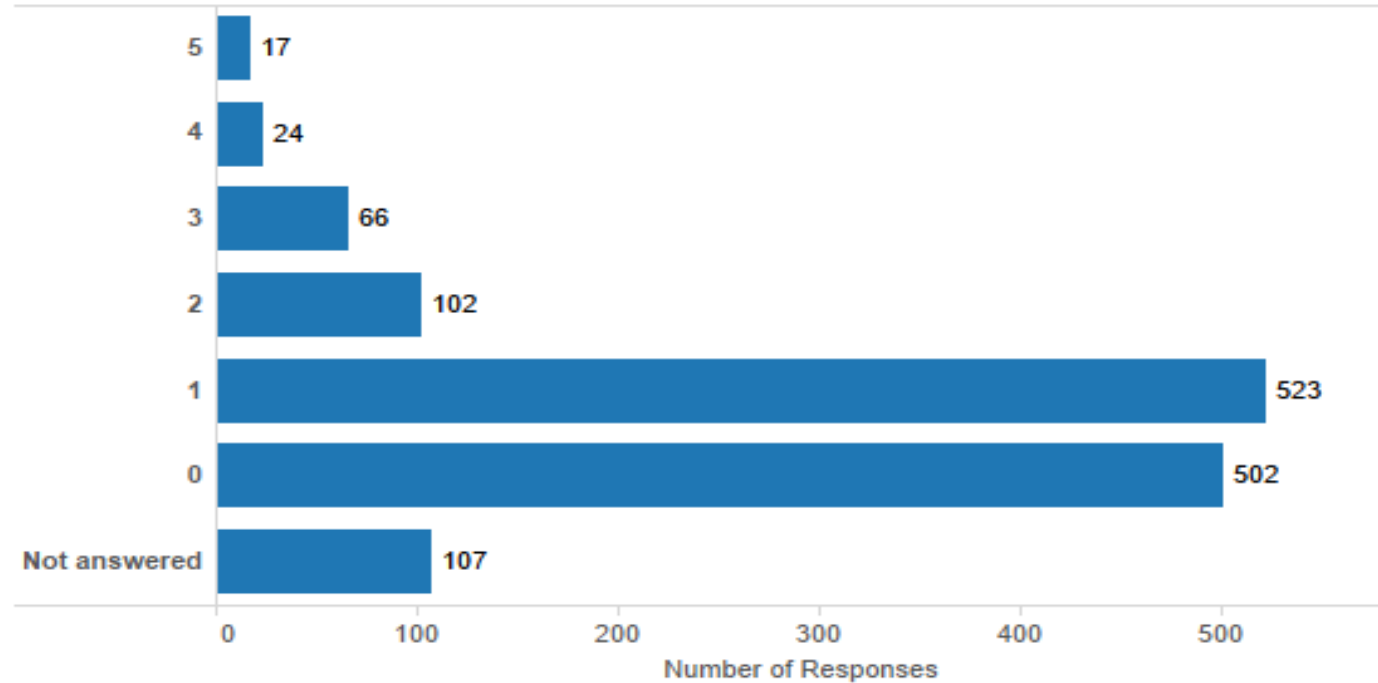
How many times have you attempted to enter treatment in the past 6 months?



Never Give Up!!!!

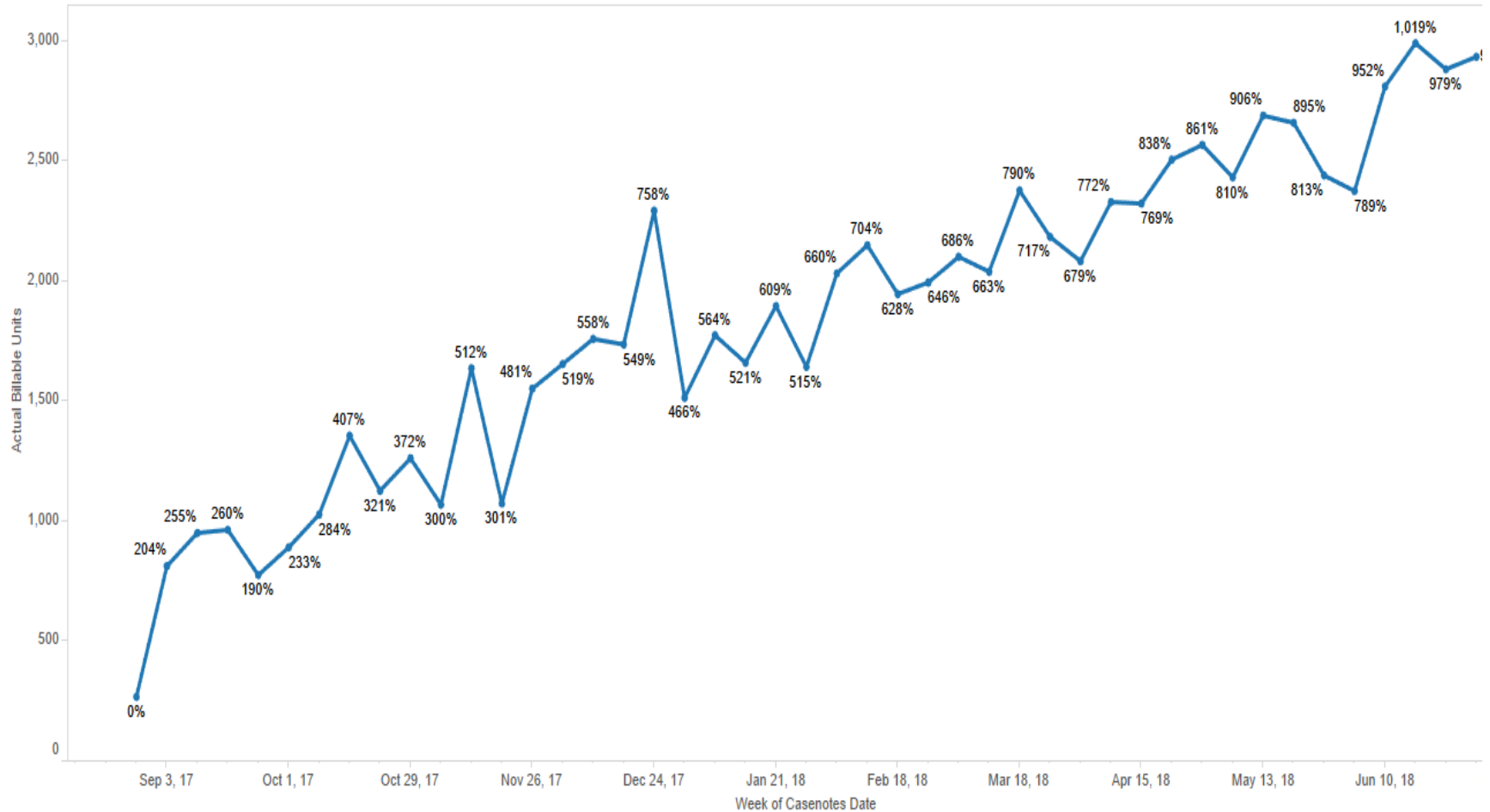


How many times have you been in either in-patient treatment or detox in the past year?



Sustainability

How many more billable services are being rendered since opening OTOD?





Peer Support Integrations

- Utilization within the OTP
- Transportation
- Community Outreach
- Shared experiences



Community Partnerships

- Creating sustainable partnerships
- Thinking outside the box
 - Fire Department
 - Co-op model using buprenorphine
 - Correctional Health
 - *Mosaic Program
 - *MRC

Outcomes within correctional health: 6-month outcomes

- 80% reduction in arrests
- 82% reduction in drug-related crimes
- 58% reduction in crimes committed
- 29% reduction in unemployment
- 78% increase in employment
- 13% increase in permanent housing





Thank you!

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Thank you!!!!