

Homeless Outreach Teams North Port City Commission

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Is what you are doing...

“Preventing and ending homelessness”

or

“Promoting and extending homelessness”

The System

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HOUSING CRISIS
Response System



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Outreach and Case Management

“In response to these trends, law enforcement agencies are beginning to train officers on the causes and impacts of homelessness. Communities are also expanding the use of street outreach teams that pair officers with outreach workers to connect people experiencing unsheltered homelessness to services and housing.”

“An ongoing relationship between outreach workers and people experiencing homelessness is necessary to establish trust and encourage people to agree to participate in services and housing. In many communities, homelessness service providers partner with law enforcement to proactively outreach to people experiencing homelessness... Law enforcement officers are in a unique position to help with identifying people that the homelessness services system can support. For these communities, it’s critical to establish and define each partner’s appropriate roles in making connections with people experiencing homelessness based on the local needs and resources and on best practices for building trust.”

“Lessons from these jurisdictions suggest that effective partnerships between law enforcement and homelessness service providers can be achieved through the following strategies:

1. Develop shared goals, clearly define roles, and engage other critical stakeholders;
2. Use data to understand local need and assess progress;
3. Review and align local laws and ordinances to support the goals of the partnership;
4. Equip law enforcement officers and their homelessness services system counterparts with protocols and training; and
5. Divert people from the criminal justice system while supporting long-term stabilization.

“All street outreach contacts and housing placements are documented in HMIS or another local data system, such as an active or by-name list. Outreach workers have access to data systems to be able to input data, look up previous contacts with the person experiencing homelessness, and access information on available resources.”

“The goal of street outreach is to make connections to stable housing with tailored services and supports of their choice, such as health and behavioral health care, transportation, access to benefits, and more.”

How should outreach workers spend their time?

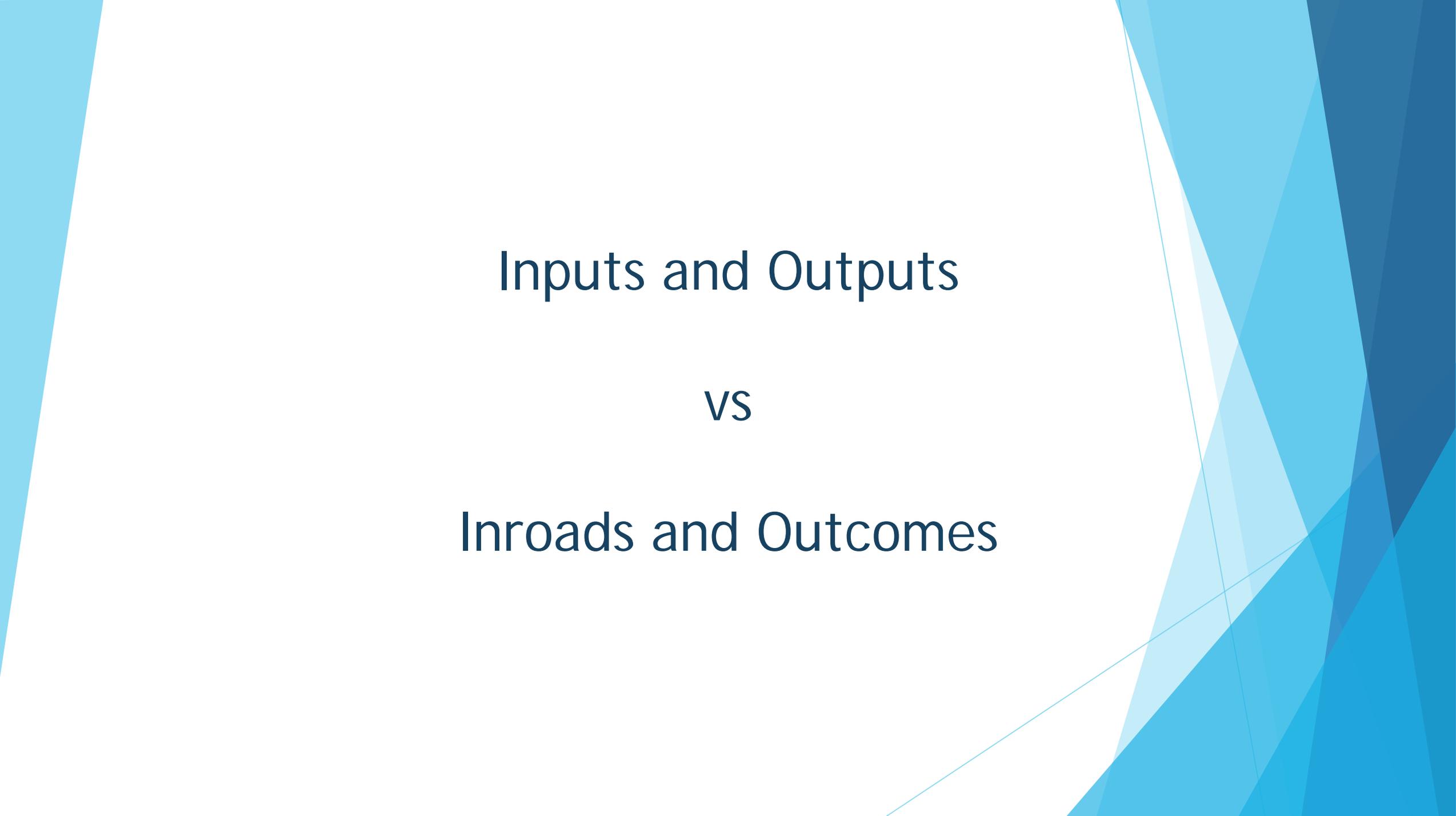
70% - Getting document ready people into housing

20% - Helping people get document ready

10% - Finding new people

“A Homeless Outreach Team consists of a police officer and a non-LEO case manager working together to accomplish a simple mission: contact every homeless person in the City and offer them a “bridge to services.” The goal was to bring social services directly to the homeless population where they were, both physically and mentally.”

Outcomes and Impact

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Inputs and Outputs

VS

Inroads and Outcomes

Current Data from the North Port Homeless Outreach Team

Number of contacts made:

XX

Officer hours invested:

XX

Positive outcomes:

XX

City of Sarasota Outcomes

October 1 - September 31

Year

Positive Outcomes

Negative Outcomes

2016/17

20%

80%

2017/18

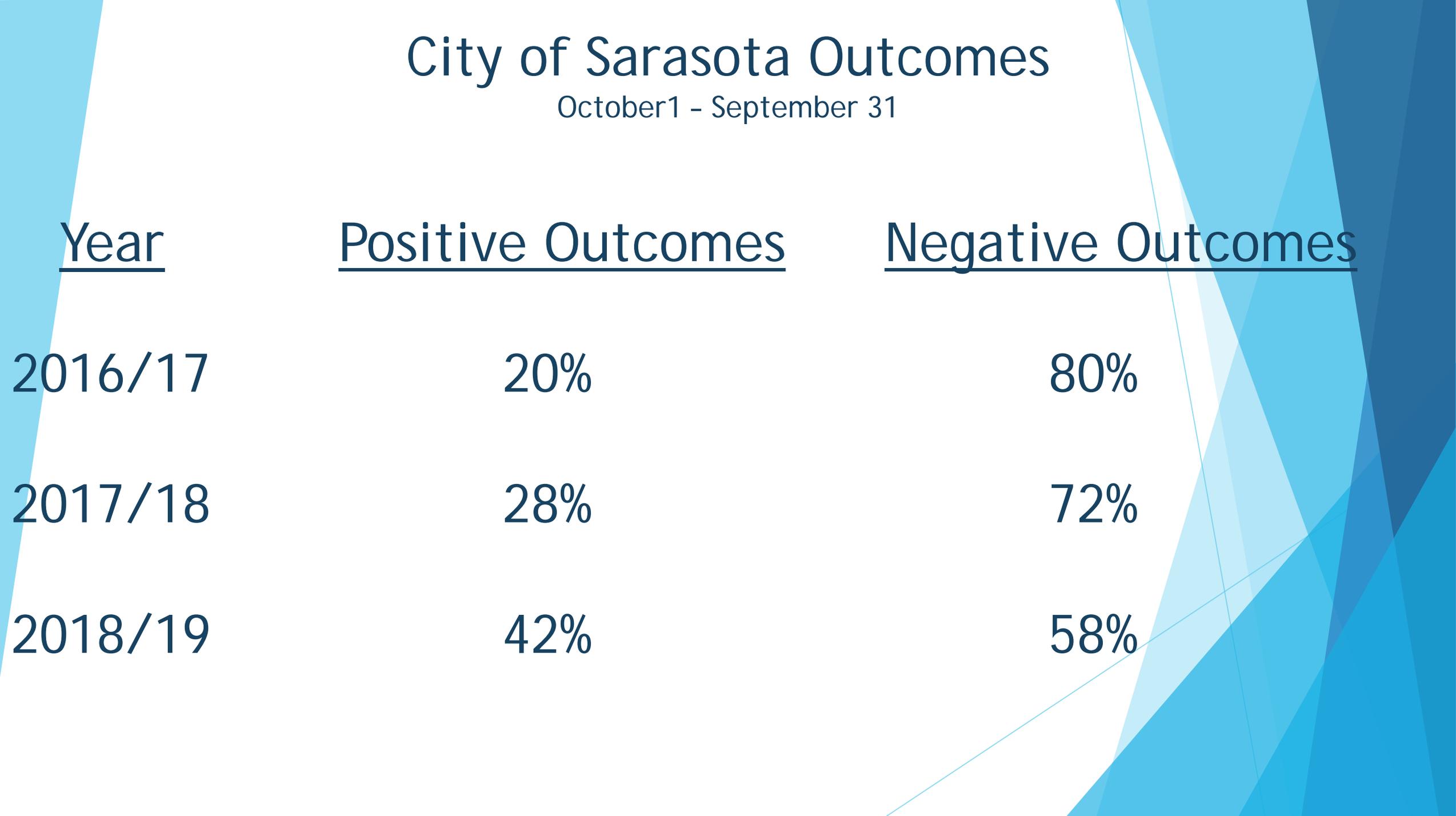
28%

72%

2018/19

42%

58%



Funding

Outreach Case Manager Funding

Charitable Trust \$10,000

Foundations \$20,000

Government \$20,000

Corporate \$0

Suncoast Partnership \$7,070

Total Project Resources \$57,070

**"If you want to go fast, go alone;
but if you want to go far, go together."**

- Anonymous