



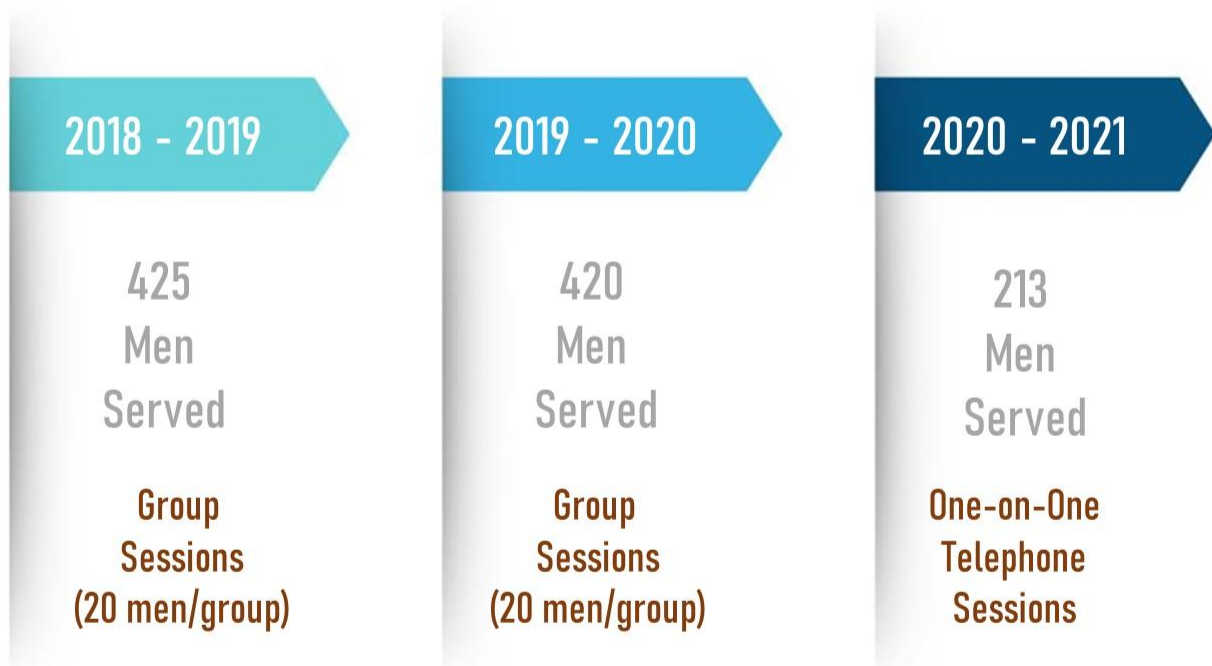
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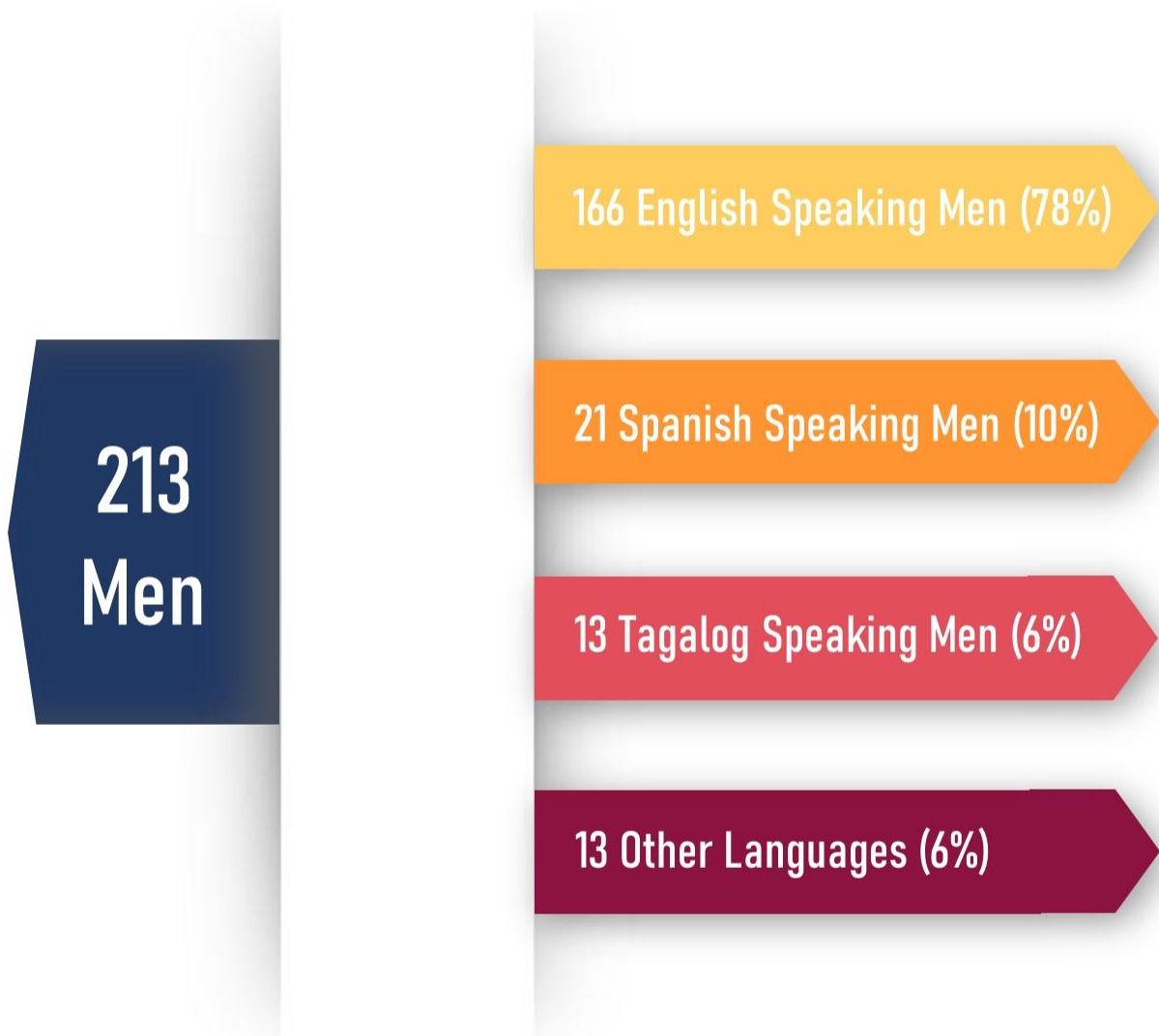
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The core of our work provides psycho-educational counselling for men who have been abusive to their partners and have been mandated to participate in PAR by the criminal justice system. Services are provided in English, Spanish and Tagalog. The PAR program includes group education and counselling, screening for drugs and alcohol, risk assessment, and referrals for male batterers. PAR has traditionally been delivered through in- person groups of 20- 25 individuals, co-lead by a male and female facilitator.

The last two years brought a myriad of changes, challenges, and new realities to PAR programming due to the pandemic. However, through it all, Counterpoint has continued to provide high-quality anti-violence programming for men mandated by the criminal courts. Many aspects of traditional PAR programming have changed because of the public health restrictions of the pandemic. Counterpoint staff have used ingenuity, creativity and intense commitment to continue to deliver PAR programming over this difficult times.



Our PAR facilitators work with men through one-on-one phone sessions and virtual or zoom groups. Virtual groups are limited to individuals with the technical capacity to participate, therefore, we have been offering a hybrid model to ensure we can respond to all referrals. Counterpoint has been doing small virtual/ zoom groups (up to 8 participants) and individual phone sessions for those who cannot participate in groups.



These changes have encourage our facilitators to develop some new and very different ways of working with PAR participants.



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