

Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project

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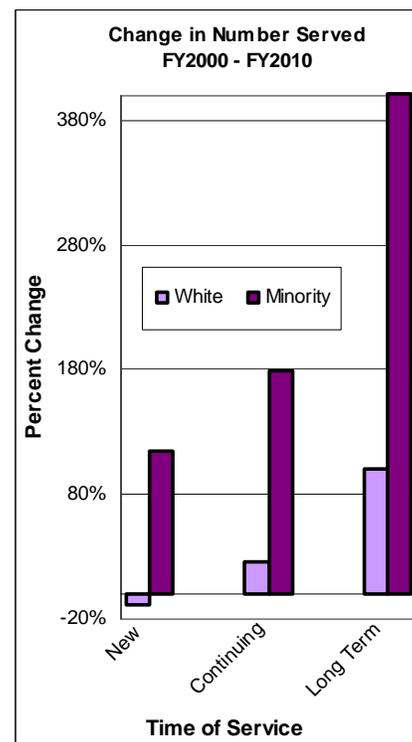
RE: Time in Service for White and Minority Youth

This brief report is the third in a series that focuses on minority group representation among individuals served by Vermont community mental health programs. Previous reports in the series provided information about the representation of members of race and ethnic groups on the caseload of Vermont community mental health programs.^{1,2} This report provides information about the time in service for children and adolescents served by community mental health programs during FY2000 and FY2010.

Information regarding white and minority youth served is based on Monthly Service Report (MSR) data provided to DMH by designated Children's Services Programs. For purposes of this analysis, race is reported in two categories: White and Minority. "Minority" includes all youth reported as Black, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian/Pacific Islander, or "other". Time in service is reported in three broad categories: "New Clients" (those admitted during the current year), "Continuing Clients" (those admitted during the previous year), and "Long Term Clients" (those admitted two or more years earlier).

As you will see, there was substantial growth in the number of minority youth served in each of our time-in-service categories between 2000 and 2010. This caseload increase was greatest in the "Long Term" group with minority youth participation increasing by more than 400%, while white participation increased by 100%. Growth in the number of minority group participants in the "Continuing" group was also substantial, increasing by more than 175%, compared to an increase of only 26% for white youth. Minority participation as "New" clients also increased substantially (+114%), while the number of white youth in our "New" client category decreased slightly (-9%).

We look forward to your questions, comments, interpretation of these findings, and your requests for further analyses. As always, we can be reached at pip@ahs.state.vt.us or 802-241-4049.



¹http://mentalhealth.vermont.gov/sites/dmh/files/pip/DMH-PIP_Dec_17_2010.pdf

²http://mentalhealth.vermont.gov/sites/dmh/files/pip/DMH-PIP_Oct_29_2010.pdf

**Time in Service
White and Minority Youth
Children's Mental Health Programs
Vermont FY2000 - FY2010**

	Numbers Served		Percent Change
	FY2000	FY2010	
New Clients			
Total	4,254	3,932	-8%
White	3,800	3,457	-9%
Minority	135	289	+114%
Continuing			
Total	2,036	2,647	+30%
White	1,869	2,361	+26%
Minority	62	173	+179%
Long Term			
Total	1,684	3,577	+112%
White	1,569	3,143	+100%
Minority	48	241	+402%

Based on analysis of Monthly Service Report (MSR) data submitted to the Vermont Department of Mental Health by designated agencies during fiscal years 2000 and 2010. The minority race group includes Black/African American, Asian/Pacific Islander, Native American and "other" clients. Includes individuals with a program assignment of Children's Services. "New Clients" are clients admitted in the current fiscal year, "Continuing Clients" are clients admitted in the previous fiscal year and "Long Term Clients" are clients admitted two or more years earlier.