

Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project

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TO: Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project
Advisory Group and Interested Parties

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RE: Utilization of AOP Services by TANF Service Recipients

This week's brief report is the fourth in a series that provides information on the relationship of Vermont's community mental health and substance abuse caseloads and its Reach-up/TANF caseloads.¹ This report was initiated in response to a request from Anne VanDonsel for information regarding the number of Reach-up/TANF recipients in the general population of Vermont's regions. That analysis, in turn, led to our extension of Anne's question to include a focus on one high risk population, the proportion of Reach-up/TANF recipients who accessed community mental health Adult Outpatient Program (AOP) services in each of Vermont's ten service areas.

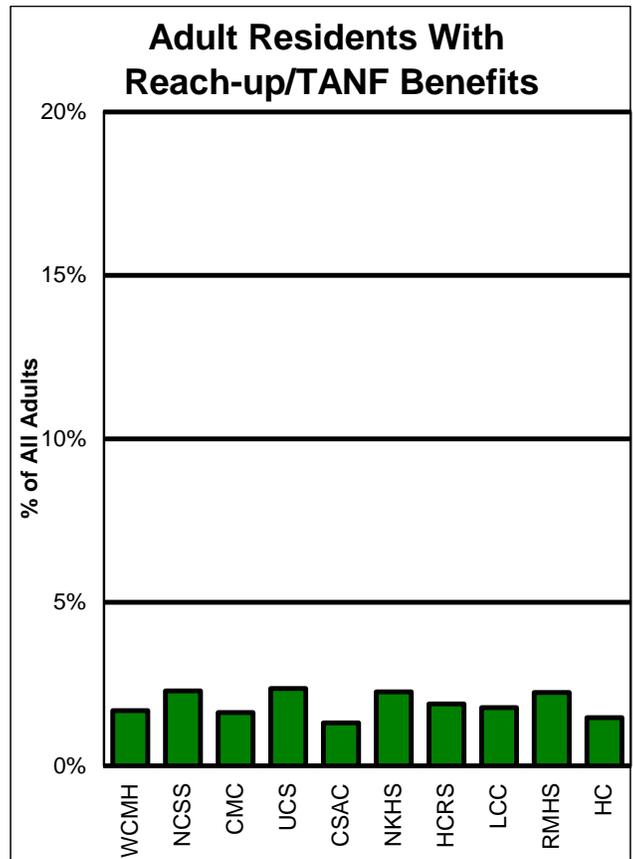
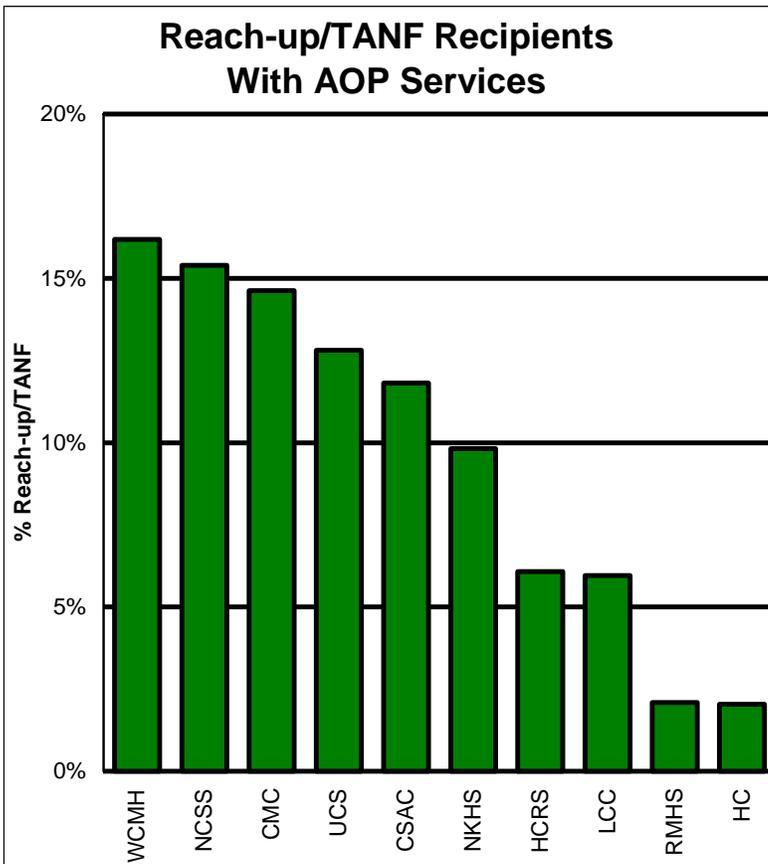
Data for this analysis were obtained from two Vermont Agency of Human Services (AHS) databases. Basic client and service information regarding adults served by community mental health programs at Department of Mental Health (DMH) designated agencies was obtained from Monthly Service Report (MSR) data submitted to DMH by the ten designated agencies. Basic client and service information regarding adults receiving Reach-up/TANF support was obtained from the Vermont Department of Children and Families. Because these data sets share unique person identifiers, direct record linkage was used to determine the number and characteristics of individuals who were on both caseloads during the study period. Total population numbers used in this analysis are based on US Census figures.

The rates at which Reach-up/TANF recipients accessed DMH AOP Programs ranged from highs of 16% in Washington (WCMH) County and 15% in the Northwest (NCSS) and Orange (CMC) county regions to only 2% in the Rutland (RMHS) and Chittenden (HC) regions.

As you will see, there were interesting differences among Vermont regions in the proportions of adult residents who received Reach-up/TANF support, ranging from a high of 2.4% in the Bennington (UCS) region to a low of 1.3% in the Addison (CSAC) region.

We look forward to your interpretation of these findings and your suggestions for further analysis of these data. Please send your questions and comments to 802-241-4049 or pip@ahs.state.vt.us.

¹ See http://mentalhealth.vermont.gov/sites/dmh/files/pip/DMH-PIP_July_16_2010.pdf,
http://mentalhealth.vermont.gov/sites/dmh/files/pip/DMH-PIP_July_30_2010.pdf,
and http://mentalhealth.vermont.gov/sites/dmh/files/pip/DMH-PIP_Aug_6_2010.pdf



Agency - Region	Total Adult Population	Percent of Population with Reach up/TANF	Total Reach Up/TANF	Total Reach Up/TANF Served by AOP	Percent Reach up/TANF Served by AOP
WCMH - Washington	47,060	1.7%	791	128	16%
NCSS - Northwest	42,266	2.3%	968	149	15%
CMC - Clara Martin	23,027	1.6%	376	55	15%
UCS - Bennington	29,067	2.4%	687	88	13%
CSAC - Addison	28,941	1.3%	381	45	12%
NKHS - Northeast	50,870	2.3%	1,151	113	10%
HCRS - Southeast	80,098	1.9%	1,513	92	6%
LCC - Lamoille	19,504	1.8%	346	29	6%
RMHS - Rutland	51,101	2.2%	1,146	24	2%
HC - Chittenden	120,406	1.5%	1,768	36	2%
Total	492,340	1.9%	9,127	759	8%

Based on analysis of Monthly Service Report (MSR) data submitted to the Vermont Department of Mental Health by the designated agencies during FY2009. Includes individuals with an Adult Outpatient primary program assignment, ages 18+. FY2009 Reach-up/TANF data provided by the Vermont Department of Children and Families. Total population numbers are based on National Census figures (July 1, 2008).

There are 101 kids who received Reach-up/TANF benefits in two counties during the year and are therefore counted twice.

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