

# Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project

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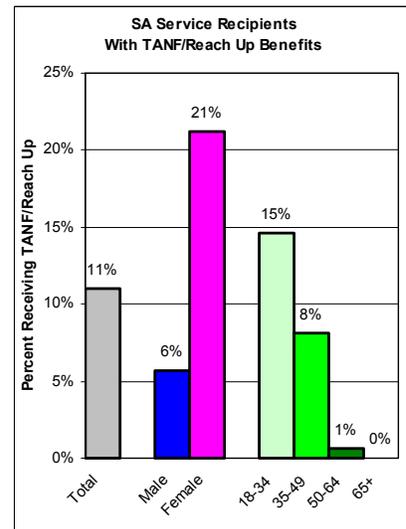
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RE: Substance Abuse Service Recipients with TANF/Reach-up Benefits

This week's brief report is the third in a series that provides information regarding the proportion of service recipients in community mental health and substance abuse (SA) programs who received economic support through Vermont's Reach-up/TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) programs.<sup>1</sup> This report provides information regarding the proportion of FY2009 SA service recipients who received Reach-up/TANF during the same year.

Data for this analysis were obtained from two Vermont Agency of Human Services (AHS) databases. Basic client and service information regarding adults served by SA 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.

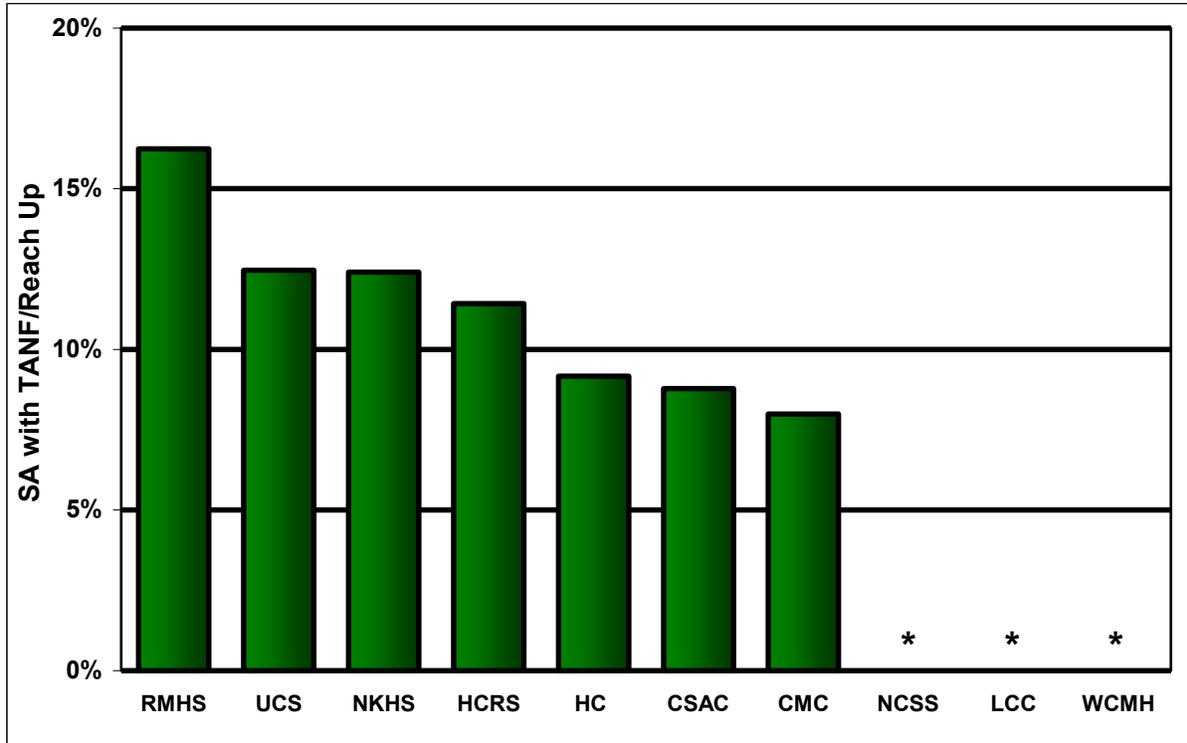
Overall, 11% of all SA service recipients 18 years of age and older also received Reach-up/TANF support during the study period. There were substantial differences among gender, age groups, and regions of the state in the proportion of SA service recipients who also received Reach-up/TANF support. Female SA service recipients were much more likely to receive Reach-up/TANF support than male service recipients (21% vs. 6%). Among age groups, the service recipients aged 18-34 were more likely to receive Reach-up/TANF support than those in other age groups (15% vs. 8% for ages 35-49, 1% of adults ages 50-64, and 0% of adults ages 65+). Among regions, Reach-up/TANF participation ranged from a high of 16% in the Rutland (RMHS) region, to lows of 8% and 9% in the Clara Martin (CMC) and Addison (CSAC) county regions.



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

<sup>1</sup> 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_16_2010.pdf) and [http://mentalhealth.vermont.gov/sites/dmh/files/pip/DMH-PIP\\_July\\_30\\_2010.pdf](http://mentalhealth.vermont.gov/sites/dmh/files/pip/DMH-PIP_July_30_2010.pdf)

## Substance Abuse Service Recipients With TANF/Reach Up Benefits Vermont FY2009



Agency - Region	Total Served	Substance Abuse Service Recipients With TANF/Reach Up Benefits	
		#	%
RMHS - Rutland	671	109	16%
UCS - Bennington	297	37	12%
NKHS - Northeast	524	65	12%
HCRS - Southeast	604	69	11%
HC - Chittenden	1,605	147	9%
CSAC - Addison	114	10	9%
CMC - Clara Martin	501	40	8%
NCSS - Northwest	*	*	*
LCC - Lamoille	*	*	*
WCMH - Washington	*	*	*
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,316</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>11%</b>

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 a Substance Abuse primary program assignment, ages 18+. FY2009 TANF/Reach Up data provided by the Vermont Department of Children and Families.

\* There is no SA program at the designated agency.

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