

Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project

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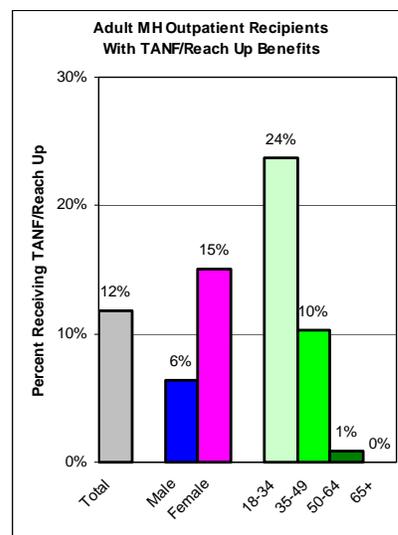
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RE: Adult MH Outpatient Service Recipients with TANF/Reach-up Benefits

This week's brief report provides information regarding the proportion of FY2009 adult mental health outpatient (AOP) service recipients who also received economic support through Vermont's Reach-up/TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) program during the same year.

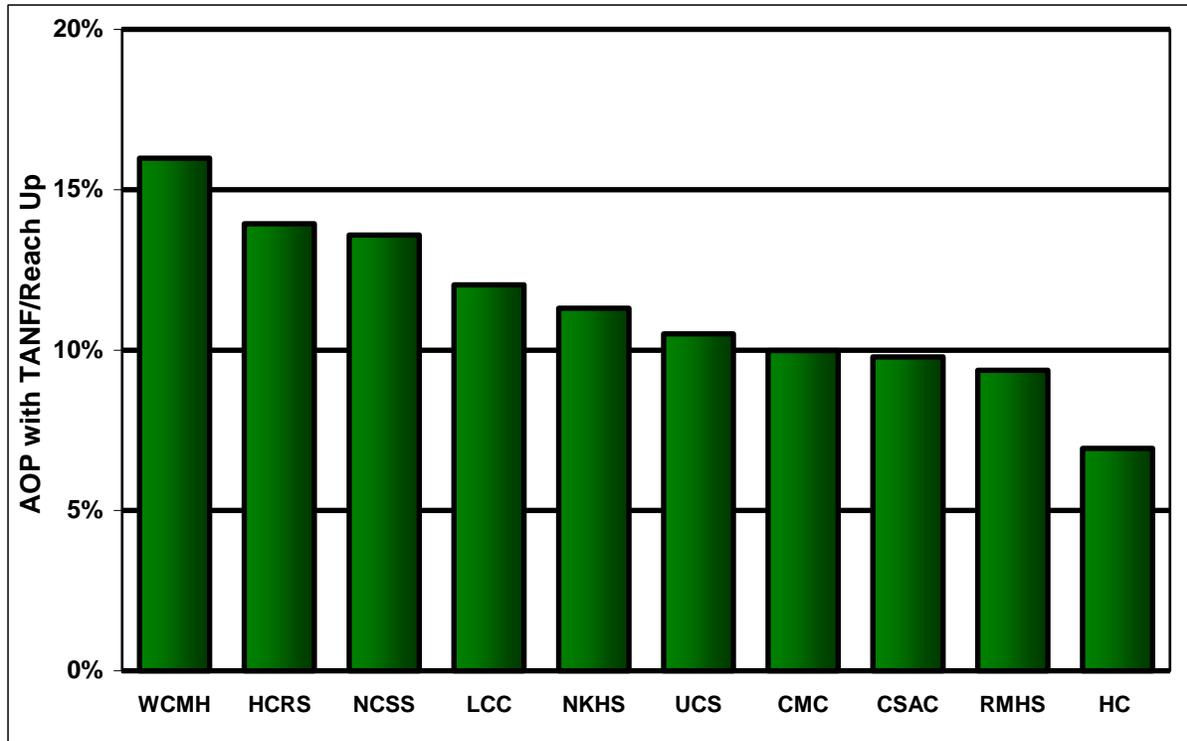
Data for this analysis were obtained from two Agency of Human Services (AHS) databases. Basic client and service information regarding adults served by DMH AOP during FY2009 were obtained from Monthly Service Report (MSR) data submitted to DMH by the designated agencies. Basic client and service information regarding adults receiving Reach-up/TANF support during the same time period were 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.

As you will see, 12% of all DMH AOP 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 DMH AOP service recipients who also received Reach-up/TANF support. Female mental health service recipients were more likely to receive Reach-up/TANF than male service recipients (15% vs. 6%). Among age groups, the service recipients aged 18-34 were much more likely to receive Reach-up/TANF support than those in other age groups (24% vs. 10% of 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 Washington (WCMH) region, to lows of 7% and 9% in the Chittenden (HC) and Rutland (RMHS) 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@vdh.state.vt.us.

Adult Mental Health Outpatient Service Recipients With TANF/Reach Up Benefits Vermont FY2009



| Adult MH Outpatient Service Recipients | | | |
|---|---------------------|----------|----------|
| With TANF/Reach Up Benefits | | | |
| Agency - Region | Total Served | # | % |
| WCMH - Washington | 801 | 128 | 16% |
| HCRS - Southeast | 660 | 92 | 14% |
| NCSS - Northwest | 1,097 | 149 | 14% |
| LCC - Lamoille | 241 | 29 | 12% |
| NKHS - Northeast | 999 | 113 | 11% |
| UCS - Bennington | 838 | 88 | 11% |
| CMC - Clara Martin | 551 | 55 | 10% |
| CSAC - Addison | 460 | 45 | 10% |
| RMHS - Rutland | 256 | 24 | 9% |
| HC - Chittenden | 519 | 36 | 7% |
| Total | 6,422 | 759 | 12% |

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 TANF/Reach Up data provided by the Vermont Department of Children and Families.

Analysis conducted by the Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project