

# Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project

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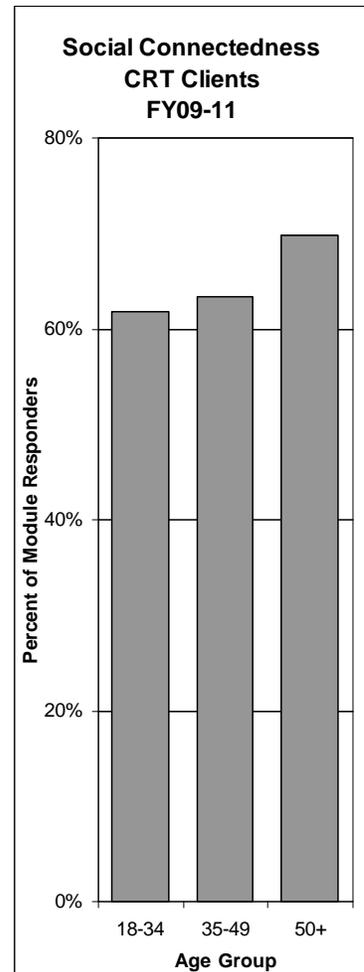
RE: Social Connectedness of Adults with Serious Mental Illness  
During FY2009 - 2011

This week's brief report provides information regarding the social connectedness of individuals served by Vermont Department of Mental Health (DMH) designated agency Community Rehabilitation and Treatment (CRT) programs for adults with severe and persistent mental illness. This analysis was conducted as part of Vermont's participation in a NASMHPD<sup>1</sup> Research Institute 5-state pilot of potential measures of community integration of mental health service recipients.

This report is based on analysis of 2,046 responses to the social connectedness module within the Vermont DMH annual consumer survey during FY2009-2011. Surveys were sent to a 75% sample of all CRT service recipients enrolled in CRT programs during January-June of each year. About one-third of all survey recipients responded to the social connectedness questions during each of the years under examination.

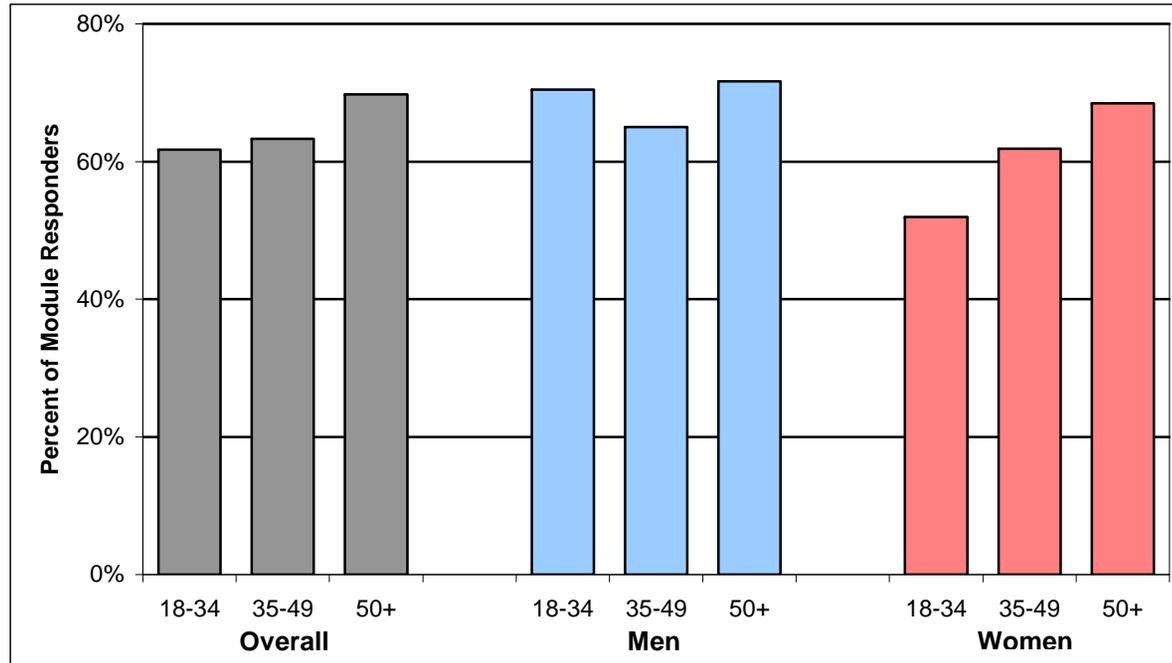
As you will see, 67% of all CRT clients reported positive social connectedness during the years under examination. Overall, social connectedness increased from 62% in the 18-34 age group to 70% in the 50+ age group. Social connectedness among female service recipients increased substantially from 52% in the 18-34 age group to 68% in the 50+ age group, while among men, self reported social connectedness increased only slightly from 70% in the 18-34 age group to 72% in the 50+ age group during the same time period.

As always, we look forward to your questions, comments, and suggestions for further analyses at [pip@state.vt.us](mailto:pip@state.vt.us) or 802-828-1703.



<sup>1</sup> National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors

## Social Connectedness of CRT Clients FY2009 - FY2011



Age Group	CRT Overall			CRT Men			CRT Women		
	Completed Social Connectedness Module	Reported Positive Social Connectedness #	%	Completed Social Connectedness Module	Reported Positive Social Connectedness #	%	Completed Social Connectedness Module	Reported Positive Social Connectedness #	%
18-34	217	134	62%	115	81	70%	102	53	52%
35-49	605	383	63%	280	182	65%	325	201	62%
50+	1224	854	70%	504	361	72%	720	493	68%
Total	2,046	1,371	67%	899	624	69%	1,147	747	65%

This report is based on analysis of the Vermont Department of Mental Health (DMH) survey data submitted by Community Rehabilitation and Treatment (CRT) clients who have severe and persistent mental illness. Surveys are sent to a 75% sample of CRT clients who were actively enrolled from January-June of each respective fiscal year.