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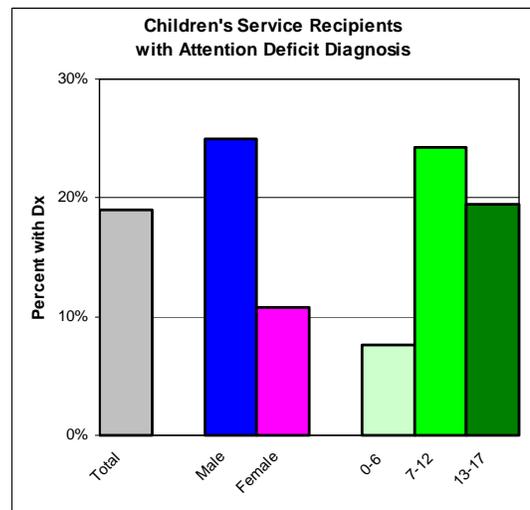
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RE: Children's Service Recipients with Attention Deficit Disorders

This week's brief report provides information on the prevalence of Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) diagnoses among children and adolescents less than 18 years of age who received mental health services from a Vermont Department of Mental Health (DMH) designated Child, Adolescent, and Family program during FY2009. This report was prepared in response to a request from Charlie Biss, Director of the DMH Child, Adolescent and Family Unit.

Findings are based on analysis of Monthly Service Report (MSR) data submitted to DMH by designated agencies during FY2009. Young people under the age of 18 with a primary program assignment of Children's Services were included in this analysis.

As you will see, almost 20% of all children and adolescents served during the study period had an ADD or ADHD diagnosis. The proportion of children and adolescents with an ADD/ADHD diagnosis, however, varied from 10% at NCSS (Northwestern Counseling and Support Services) to 26% at HCRS (Heath Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont).

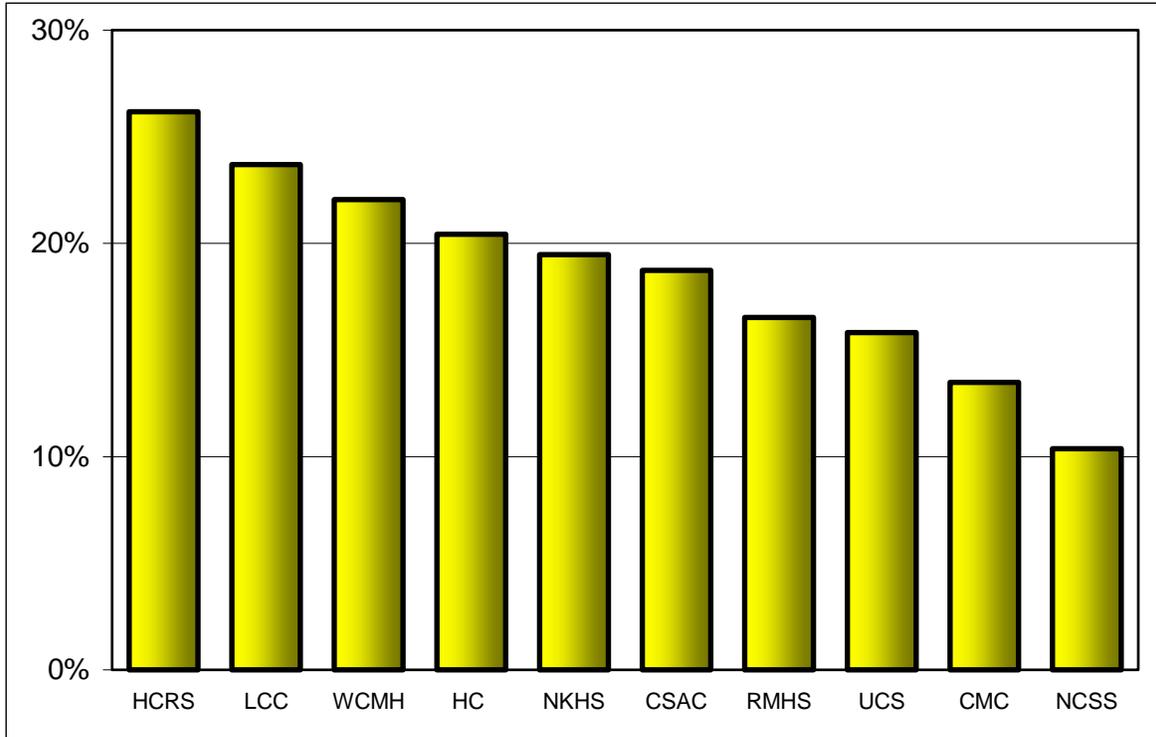


There were also substantial differences among age and gender groups in the rates at which ADD/ADHD were identified. Overall, boys were more than twice as likely as girls to be diagnosed with ADD/ADHD (25% vs. 11% respectively). Among age groups, ADD/ADHD was most prevalent in the 7-12 age group (24%), followed by the 13-17 age group (19%) and the 0-6 year age group (8%).

Of all age/gender groups, ADD/ADHD diagnoses was most prevalent among boys in the 7-12 age group, where almost one in three (30%) had an ADD/ADHD diagnosis.

We look forward to your interpretation of these findings and your suggestions for further analysis of this comprehensive data set. Please forward your comments and suggestions to pip@ahs.state.vt.us or 802.241.4049.

Children's Program Service Recipients with a Diagnosis of ADD/ADHD Vermont FY2009



Agency	Total Served	% ADD/ADHD dx
HCRS	1,364	26%
LCC	329	24%
WCMH	671	22%
HC	1,767	20%
NKHS	878	19%
CSAC	662	19%
RMHS	859	17%
UCS	493	16%
CMC	482	13%
NCSS	1,195	10%
Total	8,700	19%

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 under 18 years of age with a Children's primary program assignment. Percent with an ADD/ADHD diagnosis is based on DSM-IV diagnosis codes of 314.00, 314.01 or 314.9 in any of four diagnosis fields.

Analysis conducted by the Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project