

## Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project

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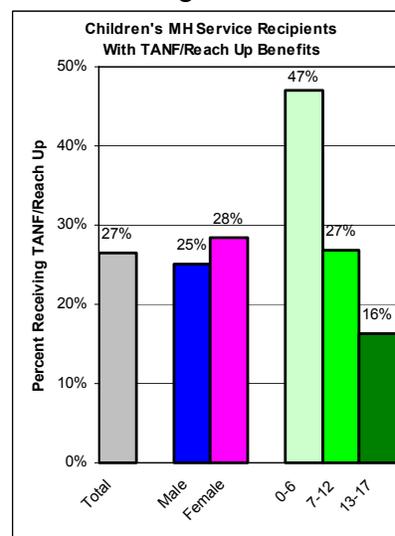
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RE: DMH Children Receiving TANF/Reach-up Benefits FY2009

This week's brief report is the second in a series that provides information regarding the proportion of service recipients in community mental health 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 children's mental health 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 young people served by Department of Mental Health (DMH) children's service programs was obtained from Monthly Service Report (MSR) data submitted to DMH by the ten designated agencies. Basic client and service information regarding young people 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.

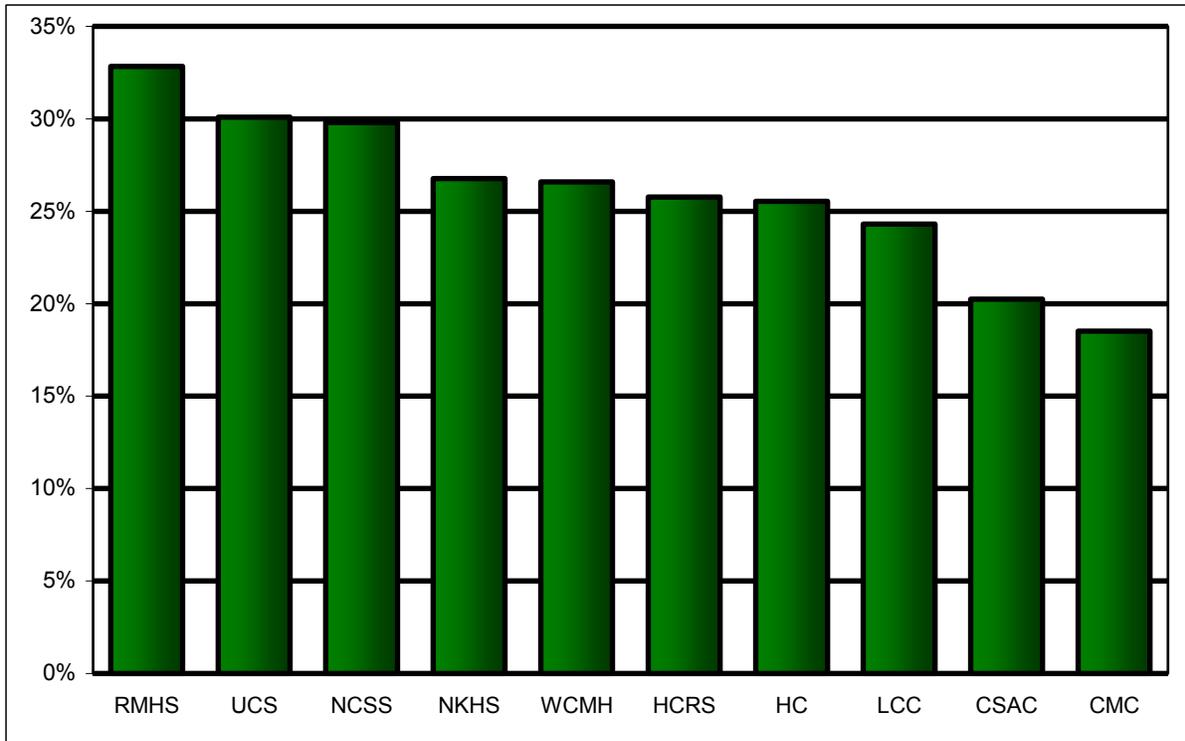
Overall, 27% of all DMH children's service recipients younger than 18 years of age also received Reach-up/TANF support during the study period. Among age groups, DMH children's service recipients in the 0-6 year age group were more likely to receive Reach-up/TANF support than youth in other age groups (47% for ages 0-6 vs. 27% for ages 7-12 and 16% of youth ages 13-17.) Among regions, Reach-up/TANF participation ranged from a high of 33% in the Rutland (RMHS) region, to lows of 19% and 20% in the Orange (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)

## Children's Mental Health Service Recipients With TANF/Reach Up Benefits Vermont FY2009



<b>Children's Mental Health Service Recipients</b>			
<b>With TANF/Reach Up Benefits</b>			
<b>Agency - Region</b>	<b>Total Served</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
RMHS - Rutland	859	282	33%
UCS - Bennington	492	148	30%
NCSS - Northwest	1,191	355	30%
NKHS - Northeast	874	234	27%
WCMH - Washington	666	177	27%
HCRS - Southeast	1,362	351	26%
HC - Chittenden	1,766	451	26%
LCC - Lamoille	329	80	24%
CSAC - Addison	662	134	20%
CMC - Clara Martin	481	89	19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,682</b>	<b>2,301</b>	<b>27%</b>

Based on analysis of Monthly Service Report (MSR) data submitted to the Vermont Department of Mental Health by the ten designated agencies during FY2009. Includes individuals with a Children's primary program assignment, ages 0-17. FY2009 TANF/Reach Up data were provided by the Vermont Department of Children and Families.

Analysis conducted by the Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project