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MEMORANDUM

TO: Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project
Advisory Group and Interested Parties

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RE: Per Capita Utilization of School Based Programs

Last week we reported on the number and proportion of CMHC Children's Services clients who received school-based mental health services during each fiscal year from 1999 through 2004. This week's PIP reports on the proportion of all school aged children and adolescents residing in each of Vermont's 10 CMH service areas who received school based services. This analytical approach yields one of the measures of access to care that was recommended by the PIP Advisory Group (<http://www.ddmhs.state.vt.us/docs/pips/pipPerfIndRecs.pdf>).

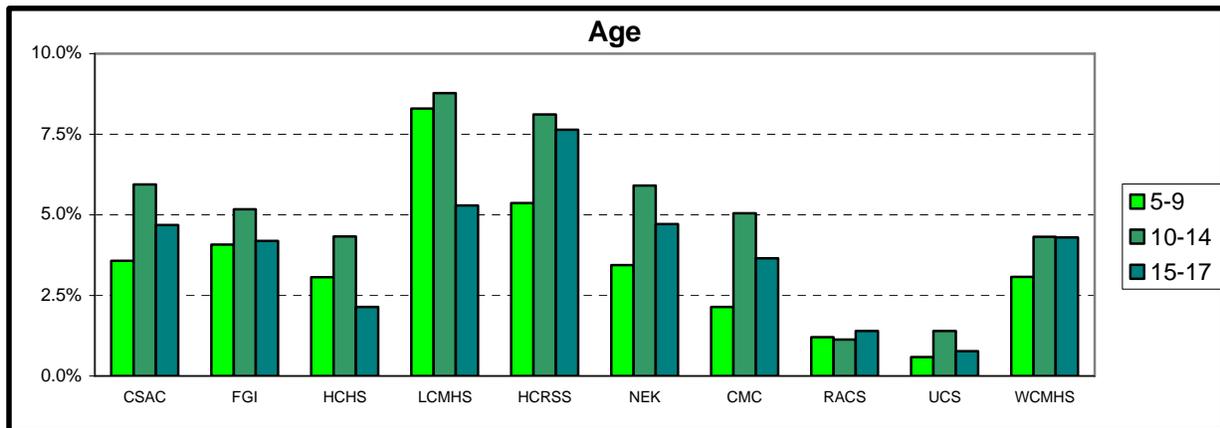
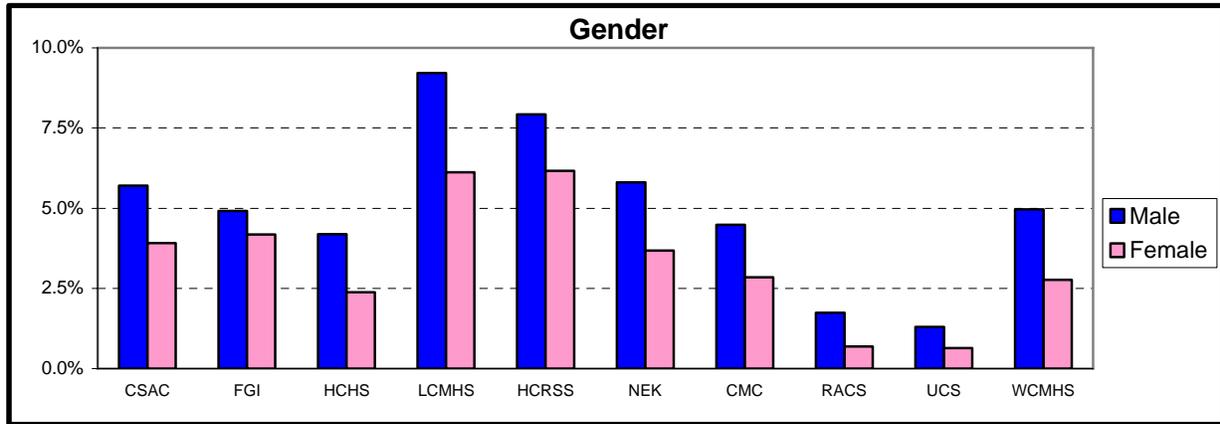
As in the previous reports in this series, these findings are based on analysis of Monthly Service Report data submitted to DMH by designated community service providers. School-based services, in this analysis, include services reported with a school program code, a school location code, and/or a school cost center code.

As you will see, about 4% of all school aged children in Vermont received school-based mental health services from their local CMHC during FY 2004. Boys were more likely than girls to receive these services (5% vs. 3.3%). Utilization was highest in the 10-14 year age group (5%) than in the 5-9 or 15-17 year age groups (3.4% and 3.8%, respectively).

There were also substantial differences in utilization of school based mental health services among regions of the state. Residents of Lamoille County and Southeastern Vermont had the highest utilization of school based services (7.7% and 7.1%, respectively). Residents of Rutland and Bennington Counties had the lowest utilization rates (1.2% and 1.0%, respectively).

We look forward to your comments, your interpretation of the findings, and your requests for further analysis of these data. As always, you can reach us at PIP@vdh.state.vt.us or 802-241-2638.

Percent of Vermont Children Receiving School-Based Services From Their Local CMHC: FY2004



Region - Clinic	Total	Gender		Age Groups		
		Male	Female	5-9	10-14	15-17
Addison - CSAC	4.8%	5.7%	3.9%	3.6%	5.9%	4.7%
Northwest - FGI	4.6%	4.9%	4.2%	4.1%	5.2%	4.2%
Chittenden - HCHS	3.3%	4.2%	2.4%	3.1%	4.3%	2.1%
Lamoille - LCMHS	7.7%	9.2%	6.1%	8.3%	8.8%	5.3%
Southeast - HCRSS	7.1%	7.9%	6.2%	5.4%	8.1%	7.6%
Northeast - NEK	4.8%	5.8%	3.7%	3.4%	5.9%	4.7%
Orange - CMC	3.7%	4.5%	2.8%	2.1%	5.0%	3.7%
Rutland - RACS	1.2%	1.7%	0.7%	1.2%	1.1%	1.4%
Bennington - UCS	1.0%	1.3%	0.6%	0.6%	1.4%	0.8%
Washington - WCMHS	3.9%	5.0%	2.8%	3.1%	4.3%	4.3%
Total %	4.1%	5.0%	3.3%	3.4%	5.0%	3.8%
Total #	4,398	2,703	1,695	1,227	2,136	1,035

Analyses based on Monthly Service Reports submitted by community service providers.

Analysis excludes children 4 years and younger.