

## **Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project**

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

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RE: Other State Agency Youth with DMH Child & Family Services

This week's brief report focuses on the proportion of children served by Vermont's Department of Children and Families (DCF) during 2009 and the proportion of children served by Vermont's Special Education programs for youth with emotional/behavioral disabilities (EBD) during 2009 who were also served by their local community mental health Child and Family Services programs during the same year. This report was prepared in response to a request for more detailed information from Ted Mable, Executive Director of Northwestern Counseling and Support Services in St. Albans, following our April 23, 2010 report on Child and Adolescent Caseload Segregation/Integration in Vermont:

[http://mentalhealth.vermont.gov/sites/dmh/files/pip/DMH-PIP\\_April\\_23\\_2010.pdf](http://mentalhealth.vermont.gov/sites/dmh/files/pip/DMH-PIP_April_23_2010.pdf)

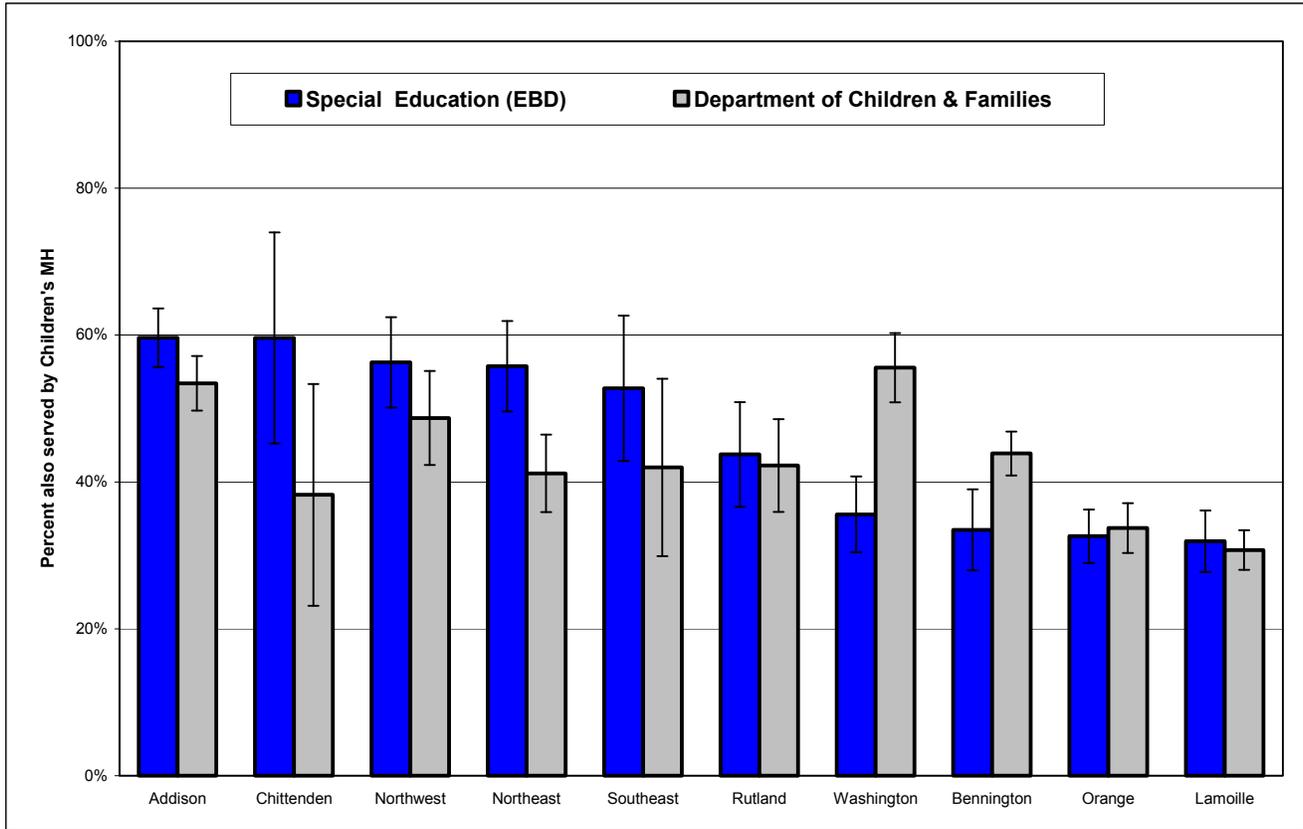
These findings are based on analysis of anonymous extracts from existing databases maintained by three State of Vermont child-serving agencies: the Department of Mental Health client and service database (DMH), the Department of Children and Families child protection/custody database (DCF), and the Department of Education database of youth with an individualized educational plan for an emotional/behavioral disability (EBD). Because these three data bases do not share unique person identifiers, unduplicated counts of the number of children and adolescents served in each of the service sectors were determined using Probabilistic Population Estimation.

As you will see, 49% of all EBD special education youth and 42% of all youth in DCF child protection/custody also received services from their local DMH Child and Family Services program during FY2009. There were, however, substantial differences among regions of the state in the proportion of other agency youth that also received services in their local DMH Child and Family Services program.

In FY2009, the proportion of young people with EBD services who also received DMH children's services varied from 32% in the Lamoille region and 33% in the Bennington and Orange regions, to 60% in the Addison and Chittenden regions. The proportion of young people with DCF services who also received DMH children's services varied from 31% in Lamoille and 34% in Orange, to 53% in the Addison region and 56% in the Bennington region.

We look forward to your questions and comments about these findings, and your suggestions for further analyses of data regarding caseload integration in Vermont. As always, we can be reached at 802.241.4049 or [pip@ahs.state.vt.us](mailto:pip@ahs.state.vt.us).

## Youth in Special Education (EBD) and Youth in Department of Children & Families Served by Children's Mental Health: Vermont FY2009



Region	Children's MH				Special Education (EBD)			Department of Children & Families		
	# MH	# EBD	# EBD in Children's MH	% EBD in Children's MH	# DCF	# DCF in Children's MH	% DCF in Children's MH			
Addison	688 ± 24	80 ± 1	48 ± 3	60% ± 4%	122 ± 1.4	65 ± 5	53% ± 4%			
Chittenden	1,958 ± 192	419 ± 14	250 ± 60	60% ± 14%	520 ± 18.5	199 ± 78	38% ± 15%			
Northwest	1,248 ± 67	147 ± 2	83 ± 9	56% ± 6%	245 ± 3.9	119 ± 16	49% ± 6%			
Northeast	945 ± 42	155 ± 2	86 ± 9	56% ± 6%	234 ± 3.2	96 ± 12	41% ± 5%			
Southeast	1,458 ± 104	239 ± 5	126 ± 24	53% ± 10%	310 ± 8.0	130 ± 37	42% ± 12%			
Rutland	918 ± 39	206 ± 3	90 ± 15	44% ± 7%	248 ± 4.5	105 ± 16	42% ± 6%			
Washington	776 ± 26	147 ± 2	52 ± 8	36% ± 5%	193 ± 2.9	107 ± 9	56% ± 5%			
Bennington	565 ± 16	115 ± 1	39 ± 6	33% ± 6%	155 ± 1.5	68 ± 5	44% ± 3%			
Orange	538 ± 13	81 ± 1	26 ± 3	33% ± 4%	110 ± 0.9	37 ± 4	34% ± 3%			
Lamoille	358 ± 7	80 ± 1	26 ± 3	32% ± 4%	161 ± 1.6	49 ± 4	31% ± 3%			
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>9,452 ± 239</b>	<b>1,670 ± 32</b>	<b>826 ± 68</b>	<b>49% ± 4%</b>	<b>2,298 ± 46</b>	<b>977 ± 91</b>	<b>42% ± 4%</b>			

Based on analysis of anonymous extracts from existing databases maintained by three Vermont state child-serving agencies: the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Children and Families (including children in state protection/custody), and the Department of Education (including young people with an individualized educational plan for an emotional/behavioral disability). Because these data sets do not share unique person identifiers, Probabilistic Population Estimation was used to estimate the unduplicated numbers of individuals shared.