

Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project

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RE: Length of Stay of Children's Services Clients: FY1996 – FY2006

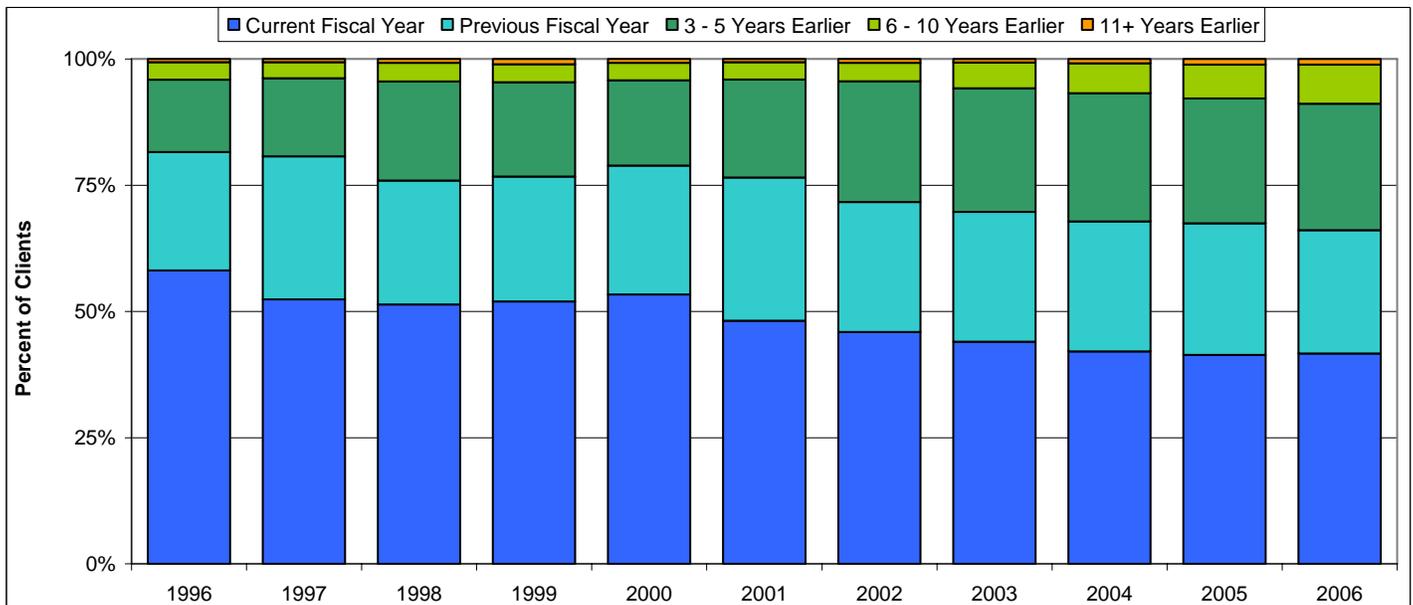
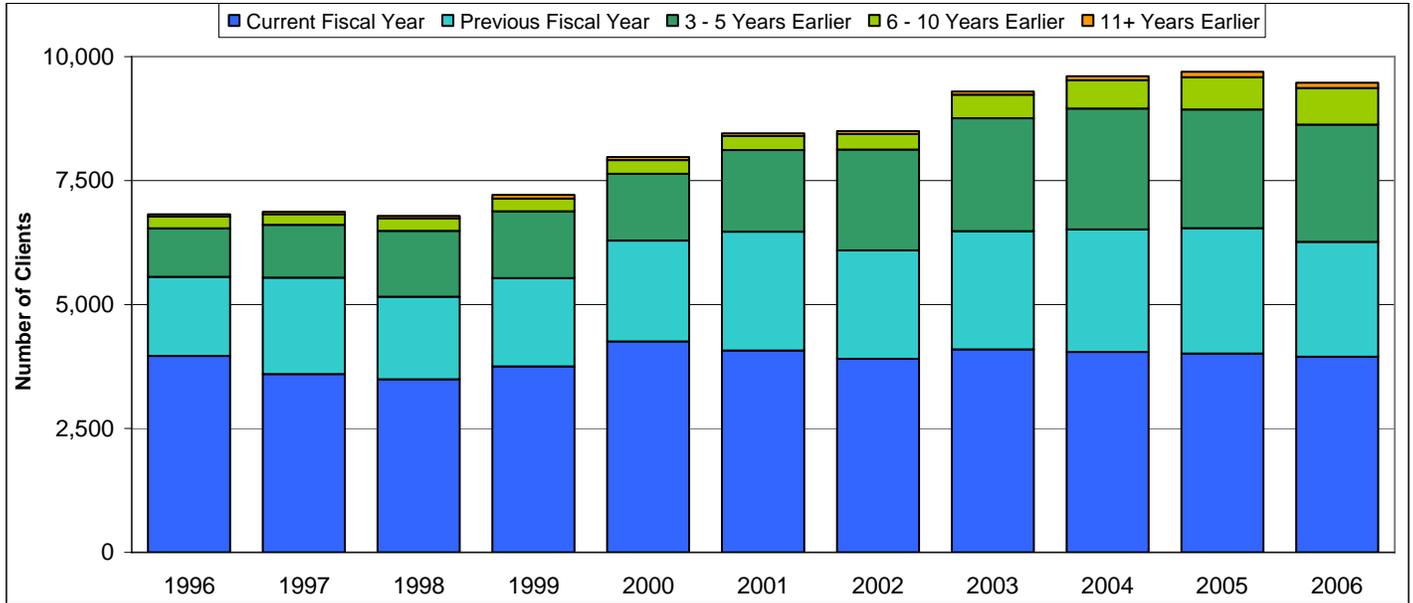
This is the first in a series of PIPs that will provide information on the duration of service for people served by treatment programs at community mental health agencies in Vermont. A similar series of PIP reports was distributed in 2002 (<http://healthvermont.gov/mh/docs/pips/2002/pip042602.pdf>) and similar information was published annually as part of the DMH Fact Book series during 1995 through 1998. This week's installment presents information on the length of time since admission for clients served by Children's Services programs for each year during FY1996 – FY2006.

As you will see, there was a substantial decrease in the short term caseload (young people who had been admitted during the year in which they were served) and a substantial increase in the longer term caseload (young people who had been admitted 3 or more years before the year in which they were served).

The proportion of all young people served who had been admitted to treatment during the year in which they were served decreased substantially during this period from 58% in 1996 to 41% and 42% in 2005 and 2006 respectively. The proportion who had been admitted to treatment three to five years before the year in which they were served increased from 14% in 1996 to 25% in 2006, and the proportion who had been admitted six to ten years earlier increased from 3% in 1996 to 8% in 2006. This overall pattern was evident at most local children's services programs.

We look forward to your comments regarding potential causes for the changes observed, potential explanations for the observed change, and your suggestions for further analyses that might add to our understanding of these changes in practice patterns. As always, we welcome your comments, questions, and suggestions to pip@vdh.state.vt.us or call 802.863.7249.

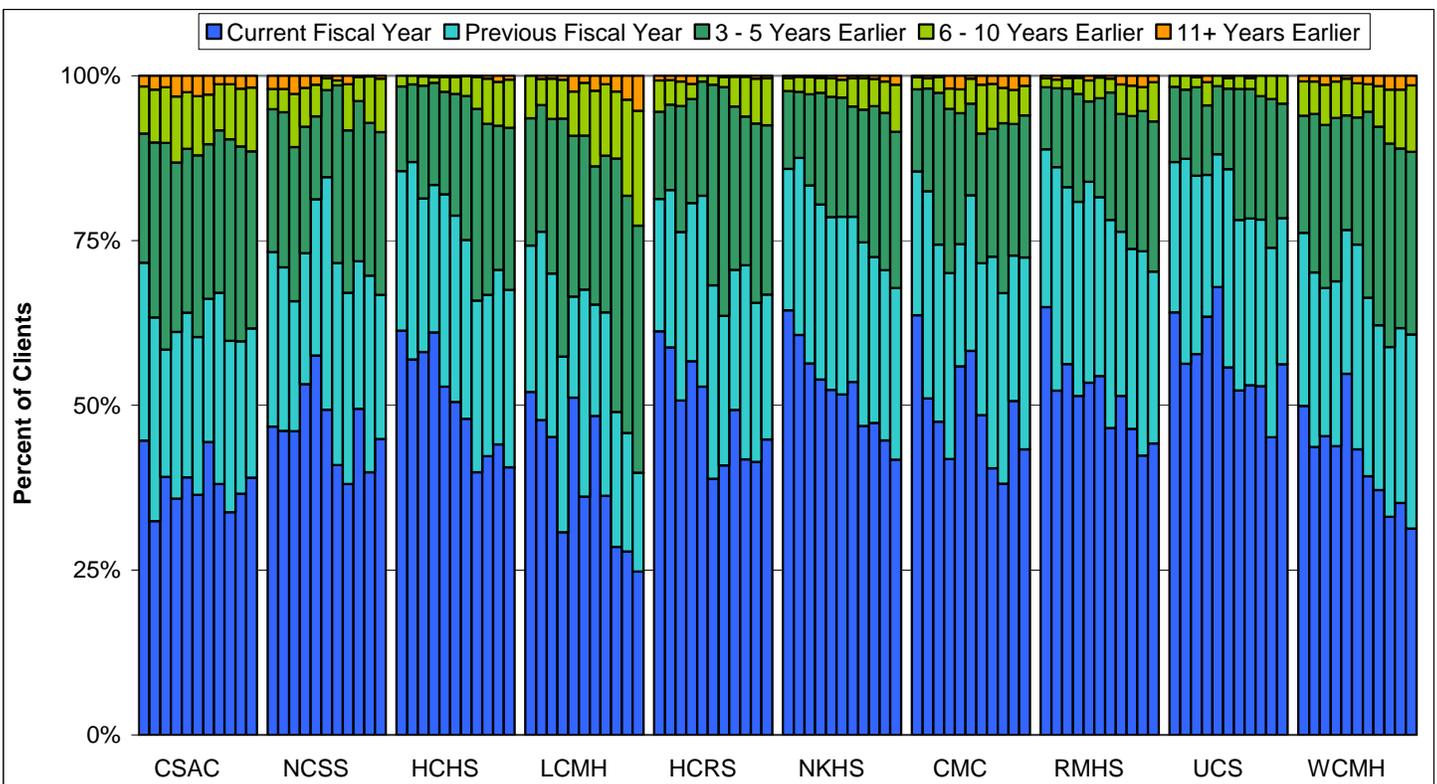
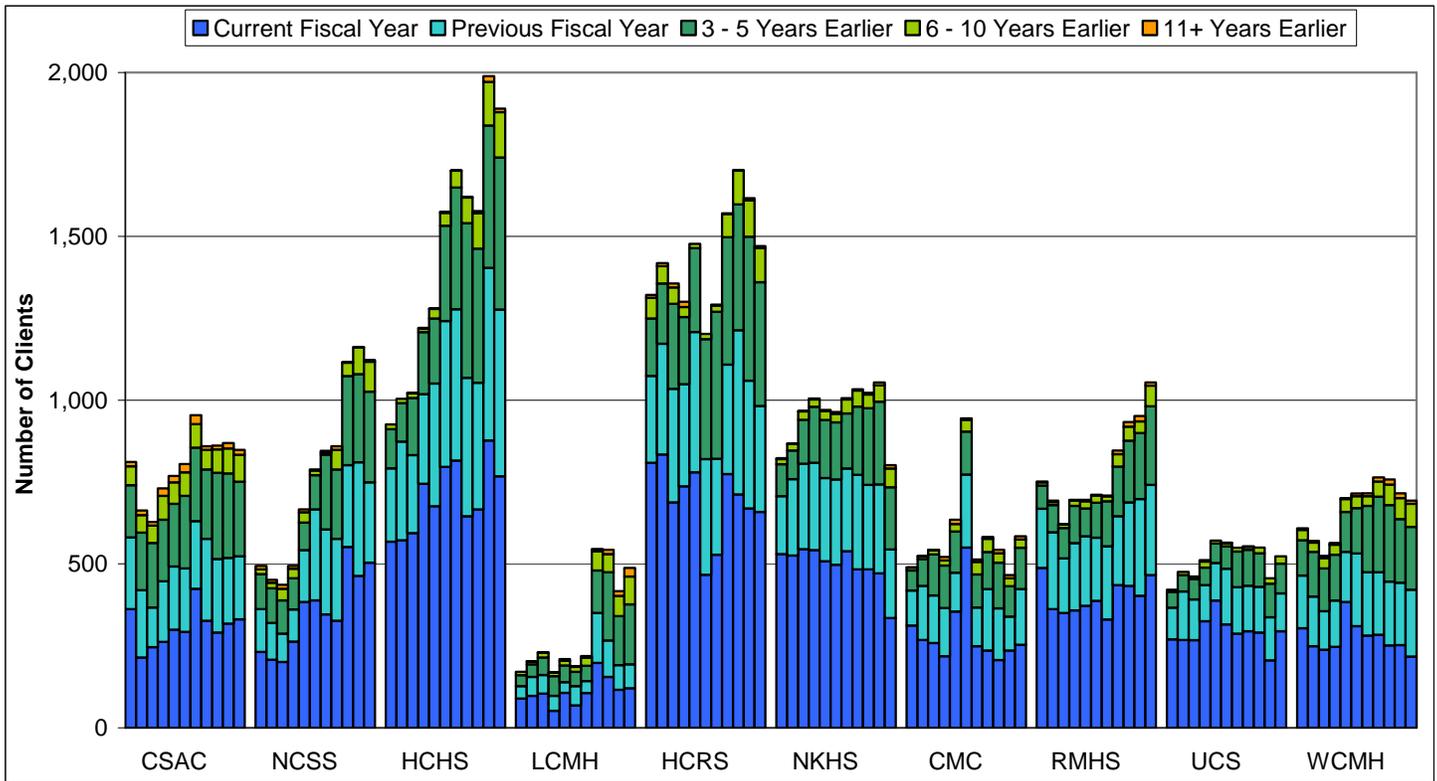
Children's Services Programs Length of Time in Services for Clients Served FY1996 - FY2006



	Admitted to Treatment										Total Reported
	Current Fiscal Year		Previous Fiscal Year		3 - 5 Years Earlier		6 - 10 Years Earlier		11+ Years Earlier		
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
2006	3,947	42%	2,316	24%	2,370	25%	738	8%	103	1%	9,474
2005	4,011	41%	2,530	26%	2,396	25%	651	7%	108	1%	9,696
2004	4,043	42%	2,475	26%	2,435	25%	572	6%	80	1%	9,605
2003	4,092	44%	2,391	26%	2,274	24%	476	5%	63	1%	9,296
2002	3,906	46%	2,187	26%	2,035	24%	311	4%	64	1%	8,503
2001	4,073	48%	2,396	28%	1,646	19%	287	3%	55	1%	8,457
2000	4,254	53%	2,036	26%	1,350	17%	274	3%	60	1%	7,974
1999	3,749	52%	1,783	25%	1,346	19%	258	4%	76	1%	7,212
1998	3,491	51%	1,666	25%	1,331	20%	253	4%	50	1%	6,791
1997	3,599	52%	1,946	28%	1,062	15%	218	3%	45	1%	6,870
1996	3,963	58%	1,597	23%	978	14%	236	3%	44	1%	6,818

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