Stats Blast #5
May 2011
Description of Youth in the Orange County System of Care
January 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011
Data Source: Enrollment and Demographic Information

348 youth have been referred to the System of Care (SOC).
60% (209) have been enrolled.

Figure 1
Referral Sources

- Mental Health, 50%
- School, 21%
- Child Welfare, 11%
- Juvenile Justice, 8%
- Caregiver or Youth, 8%
- Other, 2%

Most referrals have come from mental health agencies (50% of all referrals) and schools (21%).

Figure 2
Referrals by Month and Eligibility

The number of referred youth who do not meet eligibility criteria has remained at zero (0) since December, 2010. Additionally, the number of youth and families who do not continue with services despite being eligible declined dramatically from November to December. These trends have remained consistent while the number of youth and families who engage and enroll in SOC rises. These trends are indications of improvements in the education of both the community and families on SOC eligibility criteria, as well as engagement of families and youth in the SOC process.

Transitions
Thirty-nine youth (11%) were transitioned from the Single Point of Access (SPOA) system into the system of care. Five youth participated in a Network within 6 months of referral.
Most youth referred are eligible for the SOC (94%, N=326). This is an improvement from earlier eligibility data, reflecting clarity in eligibility criteria among referring agencies. Over 200 youth and families have been enrolled to date (N=209, 60% of referrals). One-third of referred youth and families (N=117, 34%) were eligible but did not continue into the system of care because they may have declined services, moved out of the area, or had other circumstances that precluded their participation. Six percent (N=21) of referred youth were not eligible for the system of care. (1 status is pending.)

Middletown continues to account for the majority of referrals with about 1 in 4 youth living in Middletown at the time of referral. However, the number of youth from the Port Jervis area and the City of Newburgh continues to grow.
Some youth and young adults are involved with up to 5 different agencies, with an average of 2 agencies. The top 4 agencies that youth are involved with are mental health, school, child welfare, and juvenile justice. More than half of all eligible youth are involved with the mental health system as a single system or in combination with other systems; half (51%) have special education; 42% are involved with the child welfare system; and 1 in 10 are involved with the juvenile justice system at the time of intake.

Table 1

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<th>Cross-System Involvement</th>
<th>Number of youth with multi-system involvement</th>
<th>% of youth in each system with multi-system involvement</th>
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<td>MH + OTHER SYSTEM(S)</td>
<td>131</td>
<td>72%</td>
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<td>ED + OTHER SYSTEM(S)</td>
<td>121</td>
<td>73%</td>
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<td>CW + OTHER SYSTEM(S)</td>
<td>89</td>
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<td>JJ + OTHER SYSTEM(S)</td>
<td>32</td>
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The majority of youth are involved with multiple service systems. For example, 80% of youth who are involved with the juvenile justice system are also involved with at least one other system; nearly three-quarters of mental-health involved youth (72%) and special education youth (73%) are also involved with at least one other system; and two-thirds (65%) of child welfare involved youth have multi-system involvement.

Of the 126 eligible youth involved with child welfare, 60% are in the investigation/assessment phase; 1 in 4 are receiving voluntary services; and 14% have been court-ordered to services.
The average age at intake is 13.4, ranging from 5 to 19.

Figure 8

Age at Intake

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Out of the 207 youth* who had at least one diagnosis reported at intake, 3 out 4 (75%) had a mood disorder, such as depression; 1 in 3 had attention-related diagnoses like Attention Deficit-Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD); 1 in 4 had behavior challenges such as Conduct Disorder, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, Impulse Control or Disruptive Behavior Disorders; about 1 in 5 youth had anxiety-related disorders, including Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). The percentages total to more than 100% because a youth can have more than one diagnosis.

*Diagnoses are pending for 2 youth.

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