

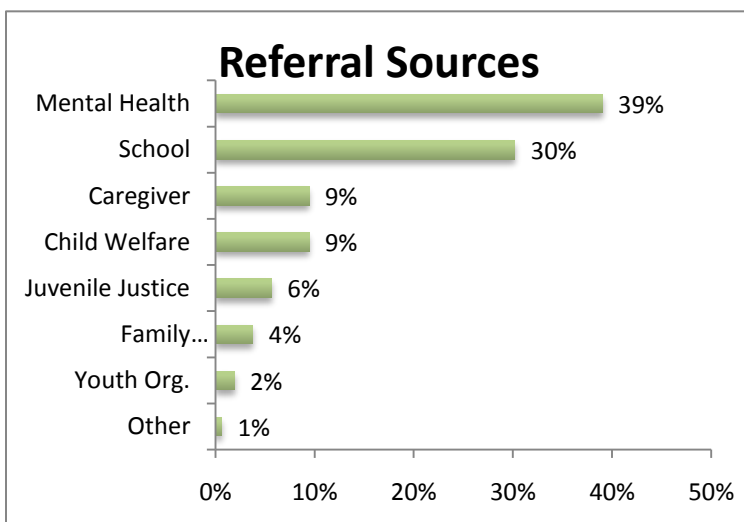
**Stats Blast #2 :: 07.23.10**  
**Youth Entering the Orange County System of Care**

**Report Period:** January through July 22, 2010

**Data Source:** Enrollment and Demographic Information Form (EDIF), completed on all youth who are referred into the system of care (SOC).

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**How many youth and young adults have been referred into the System of Care?** 200+  
159 EDIFs have been submitted for analysis. These are presented below.



**Where are referrals coming from?**

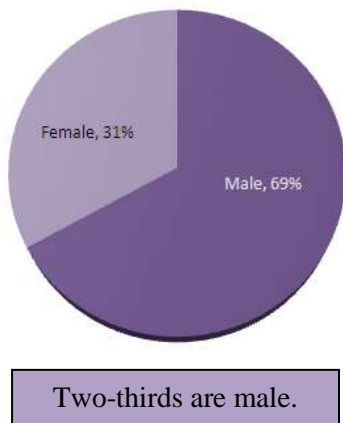
The majority of referrals have come from mental health agencies (39% of all referrals) and schools (30%).

Some youth referred into the system of care are transitioning from the SPOA system (20, 13%). Four youth participated in a Network within the past 6 months.<sup>1</sup> Most youth (135, 85%) have not received mental health-related services in the 6 months before referral or are new to the mental health system altogether.

**Does every youth referred continue on with SOC services?**

Most youth are eligible and continue into the system of care (110 out of 147 referrals).<sup>2</sup> Thirty youth and families (20%) were eligible but did not continue with services.<sup>3</sup> Seven youth (5%) were determined to be not eligible for continuing SOC services.

**Of the 110 youth and young adults who are enrolled into the system of care...**



The average age is 12.7, ranging from 3 to 19 years old. Two out of three youth are age 12 or older.

Age Groups	Number	Percent
Birth to 3 years	1	1%
4 to 6 years	6	5.5%
7 to 11 years	32	29%
12 to 14 years	34	31%
15 to 18 years	32	29%
19 to 21 years	5	4.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>100%</b>

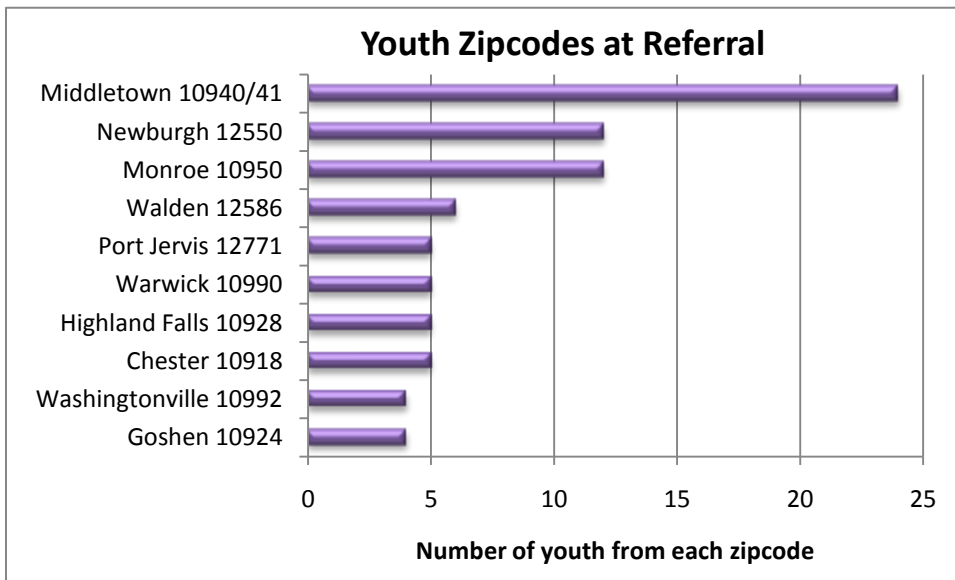
Race	N	%
White	88	83%
Black, Afr.Amer.	9	8%
Asian	3	3%
Multi-Racial	6	6%
<b>Total*</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>100%</b>

The majority of youth are White. One-quarter are of Hispanic or Latino origin.  
\*4 responses are missing.

<sup>1</sup> SPOA = Single Point of Access into mental health services. Network is a program of family support through Family Empowerment Council.

<sup>2</sup> Eligibility and continuing SOC services are still being assessed for 12 youth.

<sup>3</sup> They may have declined services, moved out of the area, or had other circumstances.



### Where do youth live at the time of referral?

Middletown continues to account for the majority of referrals with almost 1 in 4 youth living in Middletown at the time of referral, followed by about 1 in 10 youth who live in Newburgh or Monroe. Zip codes not displayed in the chart account for less than four youth in each zip code.

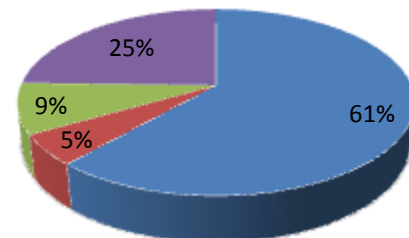
### What agencies are involved with the youth?

Youth and young adults are involved with as many as 5 different agencies, averaging 2 agencies. The top 3 agencies that youth are involved with are school, child welfare, and mental health.

Of the 70 youth who are involved with Child Welfare or Probation, 6 youth are involved with both at the time of intake.

Agency	N	Percent of Youth
School	58	53%
Child welfare	60	54%
Mental health	53	48%
Probation	10	9%
Physical health	4	4%
Sub abuse	4	4%
Family court	5	4.5%
Juvenile court	1	1%
Early Head Start	1	1%
Corrections	0	.0%
Other	13	12%
<b>Total</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### Type of Child Welfare Involvement



- Investigation/Assessment
- Court-ordered placement
- Court-ordered in-home services
- Voluntary in-home services

Of the 60 youth\* involved with child welfare, nearly two-thirds are in the investigation/assessment phase; about a third have been court-ordered to services; and 5% are receiving voluntary in-home services.

\*Status is missing for 3 cases.

\*Multiple responses allowed.

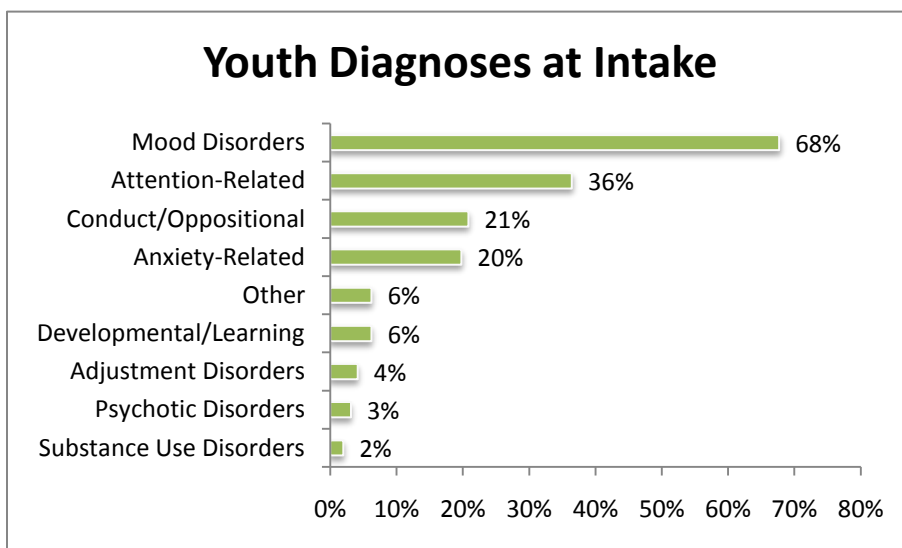
## Presenting Problems and Diagnoses at Intake

Children and youth, oftentimes, are dealing with many challenges at the same time. Youth referred into the system of care are faced with as many as 14 issues at the time of their referral. The top 10 presenting problems are shown below.

### Types 10 Issues Youth are Dealing with upon Intake into the System of Care N=110 Youth who are eligible and continuing in the SOC

Presenting Problems	Number of Youth with this problem indicated	Percent of Youth
Conduct/delinquency-related problems	70	63.6%
Problems with primary support group	69	62.7%
Living in a High-Risk Environment	62	56.4%
Educational problems	61	55.5%
Depression-related problems	60	54.5%
Hyperactive and attention-related problems	58	52.7%
School performance problems not related to learning disabilities	52	47.3%
Anxiety-related problems	50	45.5%
Suicide-related problems	47	42.7%
Problems related to the social environment	45	40.9%

Out of the 96 youth who had at least one diagnosis reported at intake, 2 out of 3 had a mood disorder, such as depression; 1 in 3 had attention-related diagnoses like Attention Deficit-Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD); 1 in about 5 had behavior challenges such as Conduct Disorder, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, Impulse Control or Disruptive Behavior Disorders; 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.



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