



Stats Blast #4 :: January 2011
Description of Youth in the Orange County System of Care

Report Period: January 1, 2010 through December 10, 2010

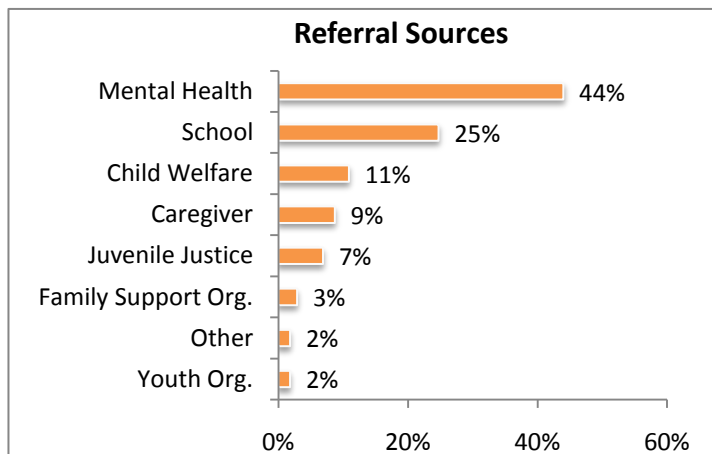
Data Sources: Enrollment and Demographic Information Form (EDIF); SOC Spreadsheet.¹

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341 youth were referred to the System of Care (SOC) in 2010.²

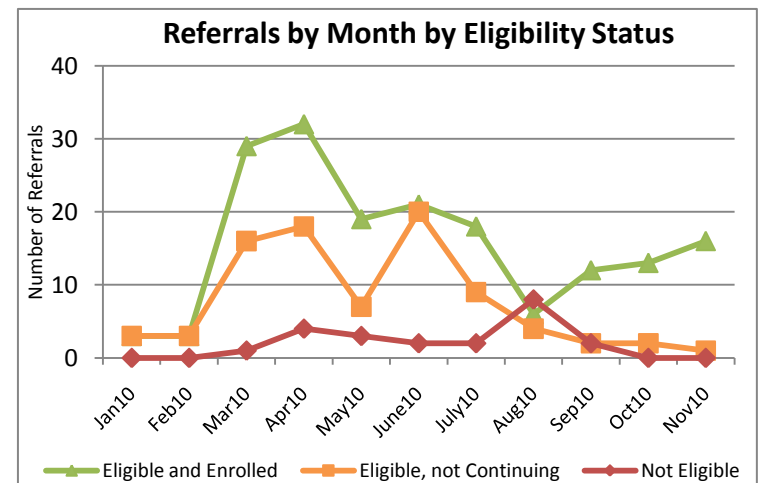
Figure 1



The majority of referrals have come from mental health agencies (44% of all referrals) and schools (25%).

Data source: EDIF

Figure 2



Complete data for December is not yet available.

Eligibility status is pending for 61 youth.

Data source: SOC Spreadsheet

Referrals

Thirty-five youth (12.5%) are transitioning from the Single Point of Access (SPOA) system into the system of care. Five youth participated in a Network³ within 6 months of referral.

Project staff have been working hard to clarify the eligibility requirements with the community and ensuring that youth and families are fully educated on and committed to the High Fidelity Wraparound model before enrolling in the system of care. These efforts are reflected in the Figure 2 where the number of youth ineligible for services is zero (0) for October and November (and into December according to available data). Similarly, the number of youth who are eligible and enroll in the system of care has been rising since August, and the number of youth and families not continuing on⁴ has been steadily declining since June. These are indications of effective education of both the community and families.

173 youth and families have been enrolled into the System of Care.

¹ EDIFs are completed during the intake process and are not fully completed until after the first wrap meeting, so there is some lag time from referral date to EDIF submission date. The local intake coordinator maintains a spreadsheet of all referrals on a daily basis. As such, the number of youth in each of these datasets is different. The source for data reported is indicated under each table and chart.

² There were 18 youth who were referred to the SOC a second time. These youth are only counted once in the total number of referrals.

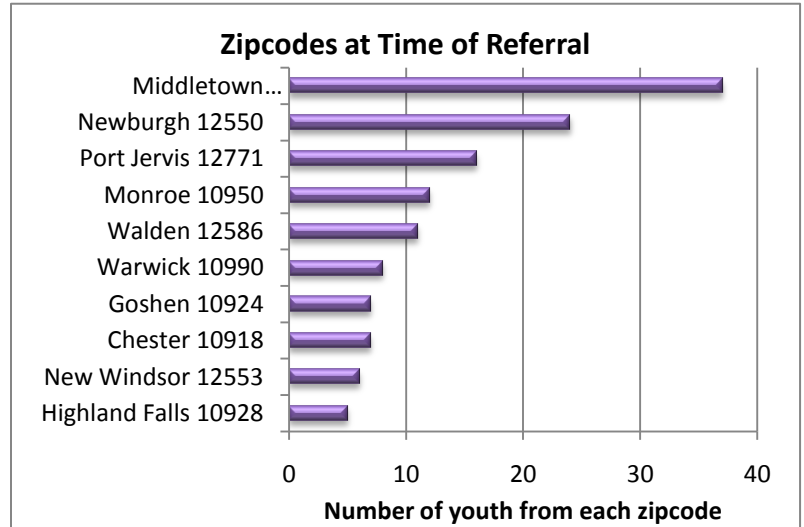
³ “Network” is a program of family support through Family Empowerment Council.

⁴ Families who did not continue may have declined services, moved out of the area, or had other circumstances that precluded their participation. We will be able to report the reasons in future reports.

Figure 3

Where do youth live at the time of referral?

Middletown continues to account for the majority of referrals with about 1 in 5 youth living in Middletown at the time of referral. The number of youth from Newburgh has doubled since July (from 12 to 24). Zip codes not displayed in the chart account for less than five youth in each zip code.



Of the 173 youth and young adults who are enrolled into the system of care...

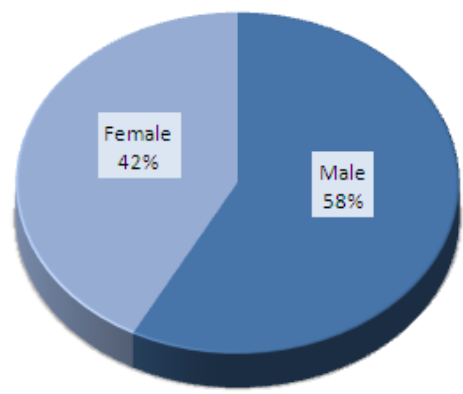
The average age is 13, ranging from 4 to 19 years old.

Age Groups	Number	Percent
Under 5	4	2%
5 though 12	62	36%
13 through 17	97	56%
18 through 21	10	6%
Total	173	100%

Race	N	%
White only	143	84%
Black only	14	8%
Asian only	3	2%
Multi-Racial	11	6%
Total*	171	100%
*2 responses missing		
Hispanic Origin	47	27%

The majority of youth are White.
About one-quarter are of Hispanic origin.

More than half are boys.



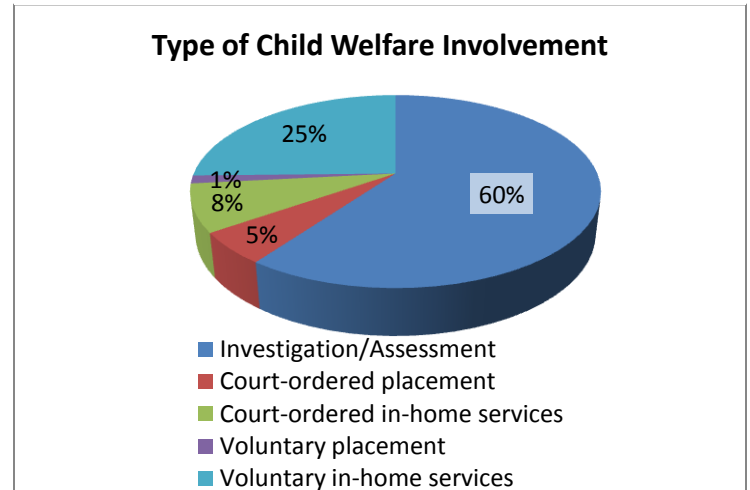
What agencies are involved with the youth?

Youth and young adults are involved with as many 5 different agencies, averaging 2 agencies. The top 3 agencies that youth are involved with are mental health, school, and child welfare. Of the 75 youth involved with child welfare, nearly two-thirds are in the investigation/assessment phase; about a quarter are receiving voluntary services; and 13% have been court-ordered to services (status is missing for 2 cases).

Agency	N	Percent of Youth
Mental health	99	57%
School	85	49%
Child welfare	77	44%
Juvenile justice	19	11%
Probation	17	10%
Physical health	9	5%
Family court	6	3.5%
Sub abuse	5	3%
Other	17	10%

More than one response allowed.

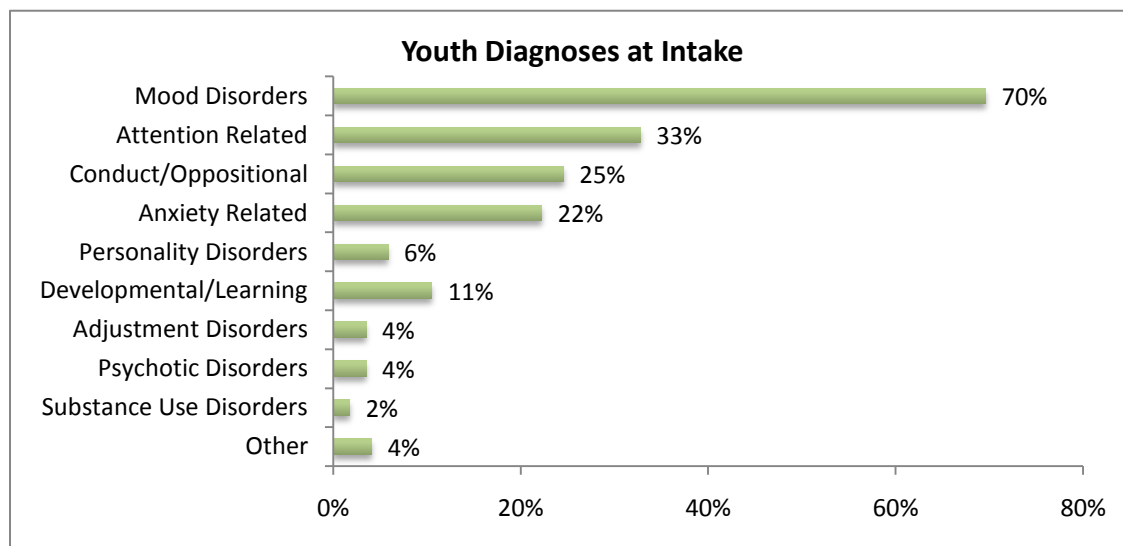
Figure 4



Diagnostic Profile of Youth Enrolled in the System of Care

Out of the 171 youth who had at least one diagnosis reported at intake, 70 percent 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). One in ten youth have a co-occurring developmental challenge. The percentages total to more than 100% because a youth can have more than one diagnosis.

Figure 5



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 co-occurring issues at the time of their referral. The top 10 presenting problems are shown below.

Top 10 Issues Youth are Dealing with upon Intake into the System of Care N=173 Youth Enrolled

Presenting Problems	Number of Youth	Percent of Youth*
Conduct/delinquency-related problems	117	68%
Depression-related problems	97	56%
Hyperactive and attention-related problems	95	55%
Anxiety-related problems	86	50%
Living in a High-Risk Environment	82	47%
School performance problems not related to learning disabilities	78	45%
Suicide-related problems	76	44%
Adjustment-related problems	70	40%
Persistent non-compliance	58	34%
Excessive crying/tantrums	51	29%

* % exceeds 100% because youth can have more than one presenting problem.

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