

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Program Title:	Child Welfare Mental Health Team	Provider:	Department of Behavioral Health (DBH)
Program Description:	<p>The Child Welfare Mental Health Team (CWMH) is a Children’s Mental Health Program, under the joint management of the Department of Social Services-Child Welfare (DSS-CW) and the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH), whose primary focus is on the mental health needs of the Katie A. Subclass children and, as needed, mental health services for family members. Children and family members may receive an array of outpatient specialty mental health services provided by the Fresno County Mental Health Plan’s contracted mental health providers serving the DSS-CW dependency cases. The CWMH Team processes referrals for court-ordered mental health assessment and other specialized studies from DSS Social Workers, assigns them to the contract provider and prioritizes the timeliness of services for children based on the mental health screening performed by the Social Worker. The CWMH clinical staffs participate in teaming meetings with the contracted treating therapists, DSS staff, and other support service providers, to assist social workers and providers in appropriately addressing the mental health needs of Katie A subclass members and their families as necessary. One of the clinicians is designated to provide Level 14 assessments, recommend appropriate placement for mental health services and conducts quarterly visits to children placed in these facilities.</p>	MHP Work Plan:	1–Behavioral Health Integrated Access
Age Group Served 1:	CHILDREN	Dates Of Operation:	April 2007-Current
Age Group Served 2:	TAY	Reporting Period:	July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

Funding Source 1: Prevention (MHSA)
Funding Source 2: Early Intervention (MHSA)

Funding Source 3: EPSDT
Other Funding: Realignment

FISCAL INFORMATION:

Program Budget Amount: Actual Costs: \$731,703

TARGET POPULATION INFORMATION:

Target Population: The target population served by the CWMH Team includes children, youth and or parent(s)/guardians with an open child welfare case, who have been referred for a mental health assessment as ordered by the court, or in the case of voluntary family maintenance, have been recommended to seek mental health services. More intensive oversight will be provided to children and youth who meet the criteria as Katie A. Subclass members.

PROGRAM OUTCOME GOALS:

CWMH team will provide assistance on DSS referrals and cases. Will provide oversight as needed for number referrals and acuity of cases. Work or continue to develop relationship with DSS to identify cases with mental health risks and high acuity cases to ensure clients are provided with appropriate services to meet needs of client. CWMH clinicians will continue to review mental health screening tool completed by Department of Social Services (DSS) ER workers and determine level of acuity for mental health assessment referral to contracted mental health service provider. Assess the need for Level 14 placement, work collaboratively with DSS to identify appropriate placement and provide clinical monitoring of clients through quarterly onsite visits while at residential treatment programs.

PROGRAM OUTCOME DATA/INDICATORS:

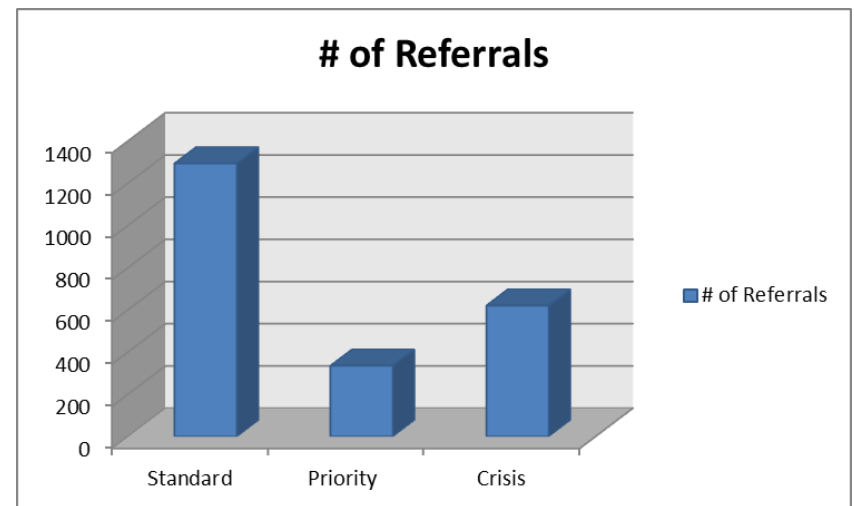
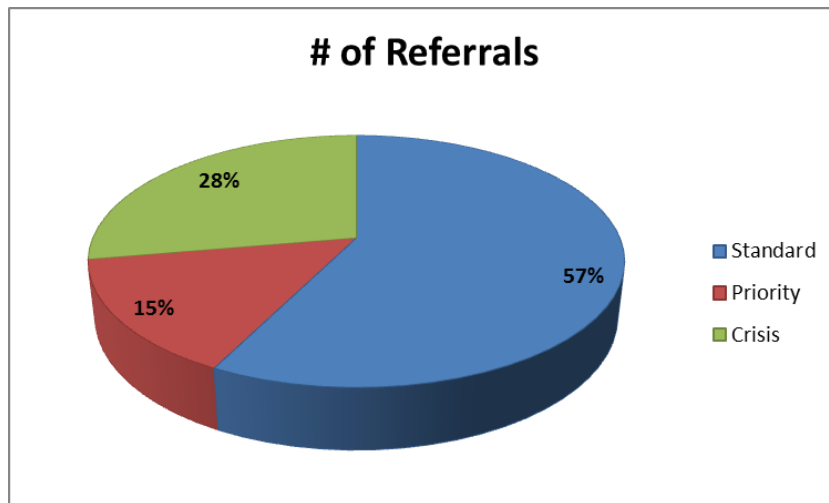
1. Total number of clients referred was 2,249.
2. Total number of teaming meetings attended by staff was 157. Total number of meetings attended is by the availability of 1.5 clinicians assigned to CWMH Team. Additionally, requests from DSS for CWMH Team participation in various teaming meetings are not automatic for any cases, including high acuity cases, and CWMH team members are not aware of some of the meetings being held.

CWMH Team	
Number of Clients Referred	2249
Number of Teaming Meetings Attended	157

- 3. Referral Type: CWMH clinicians will prioritize referrals by level of need. 57% of referrals received were prioritized as standard and 28% were crisis.

Outcomes data for clients placed in Level 14 facilities will be included in the next evaluation period.

Referral Type	# of Referrals
Standard (Vendor will attempt to schedule appointment within 30 days)	1294
Priority (Vendor will attempt to schedule appointment within 10 days)	335
Crisis (Vendor will attempt to schedule appointment within 3 days)	620



DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION(S):

The Department recommends continuing funding for the Child Welfare Mental Health Team for FY 2016-2017.

