

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - HB 589/583: OUTCOMES MARCH 2021 OVERVIEW

HB 589/583 BACKGROUND AND DESCRIPTION

Generally speaking, children do better when they are living at home, graduating from high school, and have no involvement with the juvenile justice system. These determinants are strong indicators for a successful transition into adulthood that includes healthy relationships, work and educational opportunities, and less risk for substance use, suicide, or other detrimental behaviors.

Passed in the 2019 Legislature, HB 583 amended HB 589 which requires the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) to monitor the status of youth receiving state funded Targeted Case Management (TCM) services for mental health reasons each fiscal year to determine whether, while receiving services, the children remain at home, in school, and out of trouble.

1. Project Process

The Children's Mental Health Bureau (CMHB) collaborated with case management providers to: define survey questions, create the template, and establish a timeline for completion of the data collection. For the March TCM administration, CMHB received data on 1,618 youth. This report describes the youth served in TCM at a point in time (March 2021). The report requires monitoring, not analysis. Assumptions regarding the effectiveness of TCM or other mental health services is not a conclusion gained from this process. However, the process and report do represent continuing steps in monitoring whether youth with mental health challenges remain in the home, in school and out of trouble while receiving mental health services.

Certain provider response to the survey may have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic effects which were continuing to be felt in the study's sample month of March 2021.

2. High-Level Findings

Out-of-Home Mental Health Treatment

- 85% of TCM youth did not receive out of home mental health treatment.
- 12% of TCM youth received in-state Therapeutic Group Home (TGH).
- 1% of TCM youth received in-state acute hospitalization.
- 1% of TCM youth received in-state Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF).
- 1% of TCM youth received out of state acute hospitalization, TGH or PRTF.

Out-of-Home Foster Care, Kinship Care, or Correctional Setting

- 13% of TCM youth were reported to be in kinship care.
- 12% of TCM youth were reported to be in foster care.
- 1% of TCM youth were reported to be in a correctional setting.

School Enrollment, Attendance and Advancement (K and older)

- 92% of TCM youth (K-12) were reported to be enrolled and attending school, 3% were not enrolled, 5% were enrolled but not attending.
- 95% of TCM youth (K-12) were reported to have advanced to the next grade level, 5% did not advance.

Substance Abuse Treatment/Youth Court Involvement/Suicide Risk

- 83% of TCM youth were reported to have had a substance abuse screening and 17% had not.
- 5% of TCM youth were reported to be receiving substance abuse treatment.
- 94% of TCM youth were reported to have no youth court involvement.
- 6% of TCM youth were reported to have youth court involvement.
- 6% of TCM youth were reported to be in care or treatment for suicide risk to themselves.