



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMUNITY INDICATORS PROJECT

Austin, Texas

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Community/Environment Background

- **Urban area; Just under 1 million**
- **“College Town”**
- **High Tech**
- **Progressive in conservative state**
- **Issues with diversity and stigma**
- **48th in per capita funding for behavioral health services**
- **Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center**



Mayor's Mental Health Task Force

- **Origination of the Task Force**
- **80 Individuals over 4 months**
- **39 Criteria**
- **Development of a national model of a mentally healthy community**



- Monitoring Committee
 - Funded collaboratively by City/
County/ATCMHMR
 - Broad based collaborative
 - Charged with coordination of planning
efforts and data development
 - Five focus areas



COLLABORATING ENTITIES

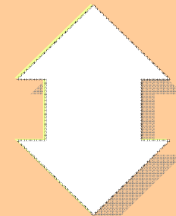
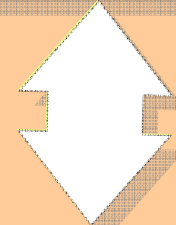
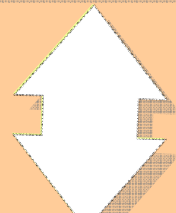
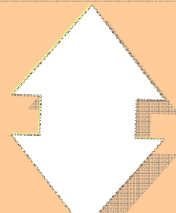
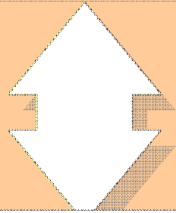
Schools/Youth

Access

Housing

Criminal Justice

**Community Awareness/
Faith Based**



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How Will We Know How We're Doing?

- Starting with research in 2005
- Searching for national indicators
- Mentally Healthy Community Score Card



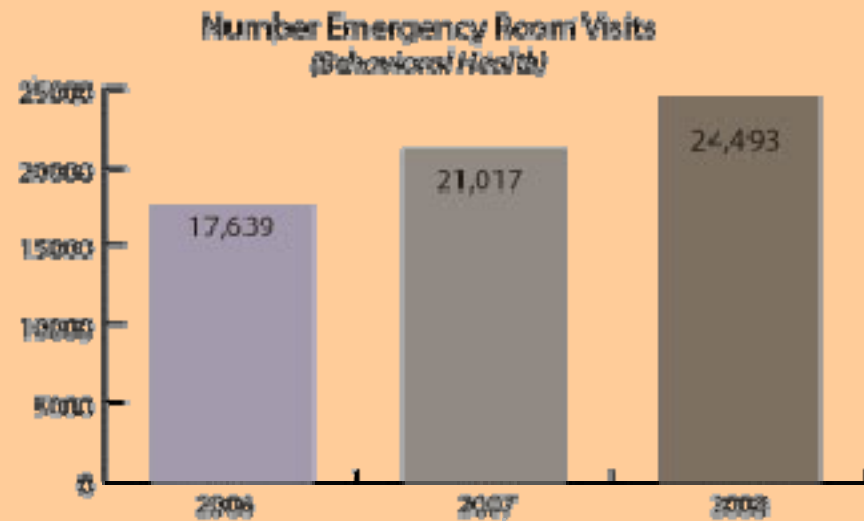
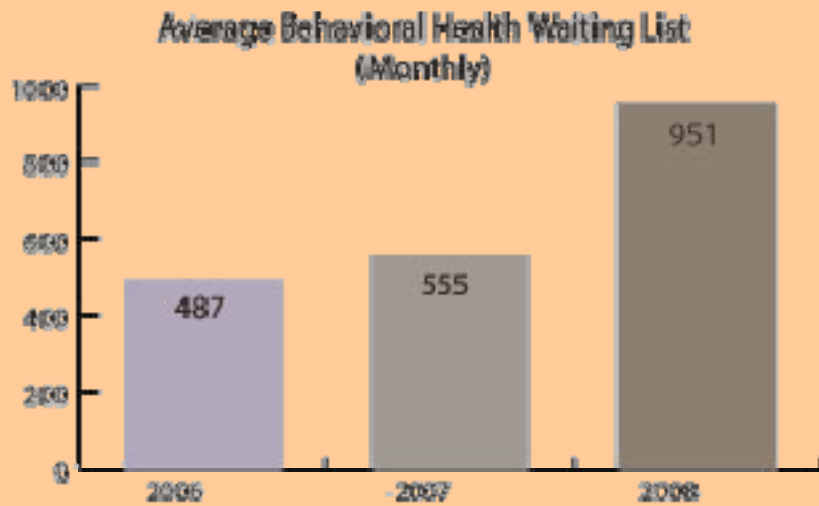
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- # Person Served by Age Gender, Race, Ethnicity
- Waiting List Information; DD Interest List
- Readmission to Public Psychiatric Hospital within 30 and 180 Days
- Behavioral Health Related ED Visits
- # Individuals presenting to Psychiatric Emergency Services
- # of New/First Contact at Inpatient Setting



Access

ATCMHMR adult behavioral health waiting list and visits to area emergency departments with behavioral health diagnoses continue to rise





Substance Use

- Alcohol related car crashes
- Substance Use related ED visits
- Drug Related Arrests



Schools/Youth

- Confirmed Allegations Abuse/Neglect**
- School Retention Rates**
- Placement in Alternative Education Settings**



Housing

- **110 Different Planning Groups**
- **Percent of intakes at ATCMHMR reporting housing instability**
- **Number of unduplicated entries into HMIS**

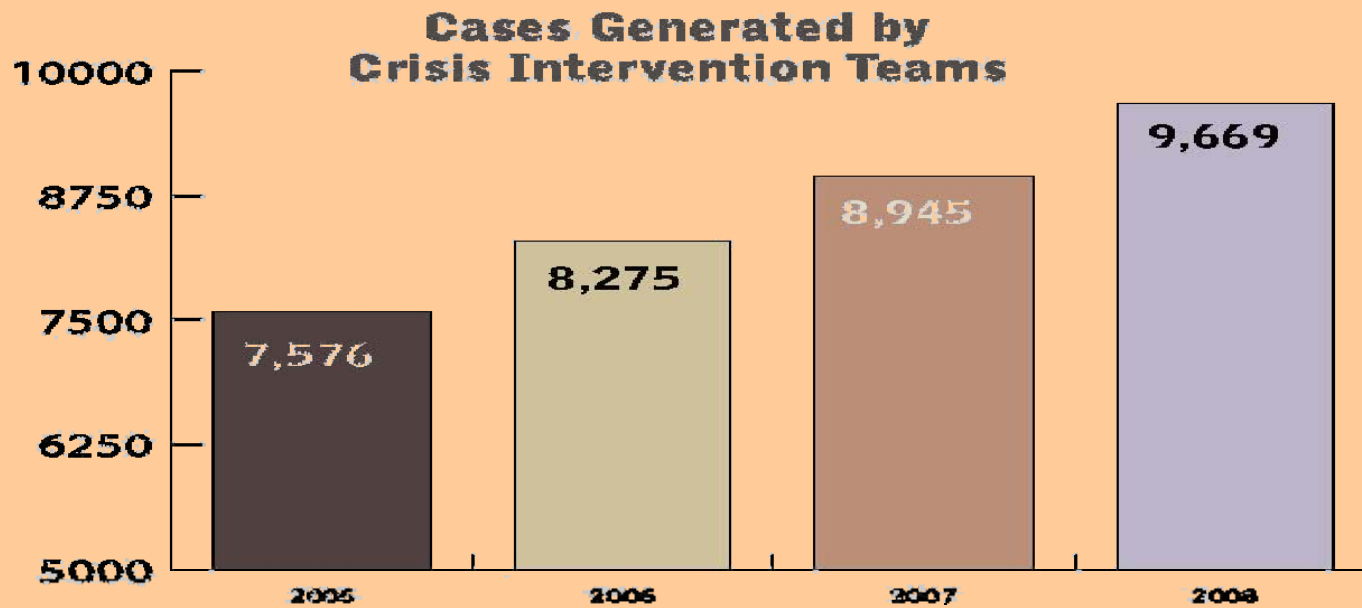


Criminal/Juvenile Justice

- # Individuals Incarcerated/Detained with BH Needs**
- # of cases generated by CIT Teams**
- Outcomes of CIT cases**
- # of cases assigned to specialized courts/attorneys**



Criminal Justice





Community Awareness/Social Supports

- Suicide Completion Rate**
- Serious Suicide Attempts**
- Changes in housing stability**
- Unduplicated count of individuals entered into HMIS**



Challenges

- Community pressure threatened to dilute work
- Different use of the term “indicator”
- “Accountability”-- Translation into Performance Measures
- Hesitation to share data
- Behavioral health across multiple systems with complex interactions



Related Data Products

- Public Inpatient Service System Capacity Analysis
- Outpatient Service System Analysis
- Suicide Data Plan
- Mental Health Jail Diversion Cost Simulation Tool
- Financial Modeling for Permanent Supportive Housing



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