

MMHTFMC

2007 MENTALLY HEALTHY COMMUNITY SCORECARD

Key:  Thumbs Up

 Neutral

 Thumbs Down

ACCESS / HOUSING/ EMPLOYMENT



There was an increase in the number of individuals on the ATCMHMR waiting list for services between 2006 and 2007. (2006: 487; 2007: 555; Data Source: ATCMHMR).



Between 2006 and 2007, there was an increase in the number of individuals presenting to Emergency Centers with primary behavioral health complaints. (2006: 17,639; 2007: 21,017; Data Source: ICC)



Between 2005 and 2007, there was an increase in the per capita supply of psychiatrists, psychologists, licensed professional counselors and licensed marriage and family therapists. During that same time period, there was a decrease in the supply of social workers, psychiatric nurses and licenced chemical dependency counselors. (Source: Texas Department of State Health Services)



Between 2006 and 2007, there was a slight decrease in the number of individuals presenting at ATCMHMR Psychiatric Emergency Services, although the difference is probably not statistically significant. (2006: 879; 2007: 801; Data Source: ATCMHMR).



In Fiscal Year 2007, 45% of individuals presenting for services at ATCMHMR reported moderate, significant or high levels of housing instability. This is a slight increase from reported housing instability for FY 2006. (42%)



During Fiscal Year 2007, Austin State Hospital was over its allocated capacity for Austin /Travis County 296 days.



The unemployment rate in Austin/Travis County dropped slightly between 2006 and 2007, and remains below national averages. (2006: 4%; 2007: 3.6%; National: 4.61%; Data Source: US Dept. of Labor)

SCHOOLS/YOUTH



School attendance rates PND



The number of children ren under legal responsibility of the Department of Family and Protective Services stayed relatively stable between 2006 and 2007. (2006: 8.4/1000; 2007: 8.3/1000; Data Source TDFPS)



Alternative education placements PND



There was a decrease in the number of confirmed allegations of abuse and neglect. (2006: 1543; 2007: 1441; Data Source: TDFPS)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE INTERFACE



The number of cases generated by the two Crisis Intervention Teams (Austin Police Department and Travis County Sherrif's Office) continued to increase in 2007. (2005: 7576; 2006: 8275; 2007: 8945) The significance of this increase is not entirely clear.



There was an increased and more consistent percentage of felony mental health cases referred to specialized defense attorneys in 2007 as compared with 2006. This likely reflects more consistent identification processes. (2006: 14%; 2007: 15%; Data Source Travis County Criminal Justice)



There was also an increased and more consistent percentage of misdemeanor mental health cases referred to specialized defense attorneys in 2007 as compared with 2006. (2006: 10.5%; 2007: 12%; Data Source: Travis County Court Administration)



There was a slight decrease in the average number of days individuals found incompetent to stand trial waited in jail before transfer to a state facility. (2006: 60-90; 2007: 60) This number may be a bit misleading, however, as a large number of state hospital beds were made available for transfer very late in the calendar year.



There was a slight increase in the number of individuals presenting for services at ATCMHMR who reported moderate to significant criminal justice system involvement in 2007 compared to 2006. (2006: 24%; 2007: 21%)



