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Suicide Prevention and Early
Intervention Cross-site
Evaluation

Grantee Meeting Session 1A
*Evaluating Early Intervention
and Referral*

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Your hard work pays off...

Though EIRF information is difficult to collect, it enables us all to:

- **Support program planning, development and sustainability**
- **Move the field forward; to make data driven decisions about how to best help youth at risk**
- **Examine/Identify barriers and breakdowns in the referral network**

A significant portion of grantees' budgets are allocated to funding gate keeper trainings and screenings. Early identification, referral and follow-up analyses help us understand the efficacy of these program activities which should inform programmatic decision-making and best practices going forward.

Sites Contributing to EIRF dataset

EIRF related program activity	Sites (n=11)
Collecting EIRF info from screenings only	27.3% (n=3)
Collecting EIRF info from GK trainings only	27.3% (n=3)
Collecting EIRF info from screenings and GK trainings	45.5% (n=5)

11 sites
submitted data

How was the EIRF information compiled?

Source of Information	Screening* (n=1304)	Trained gatekeeper* (n=149)	Overall* (n=1453)
Extracted from an existing database	86.2%	62.4%	83.8%
Directly from a provider (i.e. case manager)	11.7%	26.2%	13.2%
Directly from gatekeeper (s)	0%	65.8%	6.7%
Other	2.1%	2.0%	2.1%

*percentages add to >100% because this item permits multiple response options

Early Identification: Agency Affiliation

The person responsible for the early identification was affiliated with the following setting or organization...

Setting	Screening (N= 1304)	Trained GK (N= 149)	Overall (N= 1453)
School	72.6%	78.5%	73.2%
Child Welfare	<.1%	0%	.1%
Juvenile Justice	24.8%	1%	22.4%
Community Based Org.	0%	1%	.1%
Physical Health	0%	2%	.3
Mental Health Agency	<.1%	7.4%	.8%
Other*	2.5%	8.7%	3.1%

*Of the individuals characterized as “other,” home/community (n=5), and unknown (n=32) were the most common write-in answers.

A Breakdown of the Sources of Early Identification: Screening and Types of Gatekeepers

Source of Early Identification	Percent (n=1453)
Screening	89.7%
Gatekeeper: Parent/Caregiver	.7%
Gatekeeper: Mental Health Provider	3.8%
Gatekeeper: Teacher/School Staff	2.3%
Gatekeeper: Probation Officer/J.J. Staff	.1%
Gatekeeper: Primary Care Provider	.1%
Gatekeeper: Police Officer	.1%
Gatekeeper: Other*	3%

*Of the sources categorized as “other”, peer (n=9) and self (n=5) were the most common write in answers

Types of Referrals*

Type of Referral	Identified at Risk Through Screening (n=1,296)	Identified at Risk Through Trained Gatekeepers (n=149)
Mental health services	46.2%	87.9%
Non-mental health services	14.0%	26.8%
No referral to either type of service	41.9%	6.7%

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Types of Mental Health Service Referrals*

Mental Health Service Referral Type	Screening N= 581	Trained GK N=129
Mental health assessment	83.8%	93.0%
Individual Therapy	1.2%	1.6%
Substance Abuse Counseling	4.3%	.8%
Emergency Room Services	1.4%	7.8%
Other Mental Health Services	10.2%	5.4%

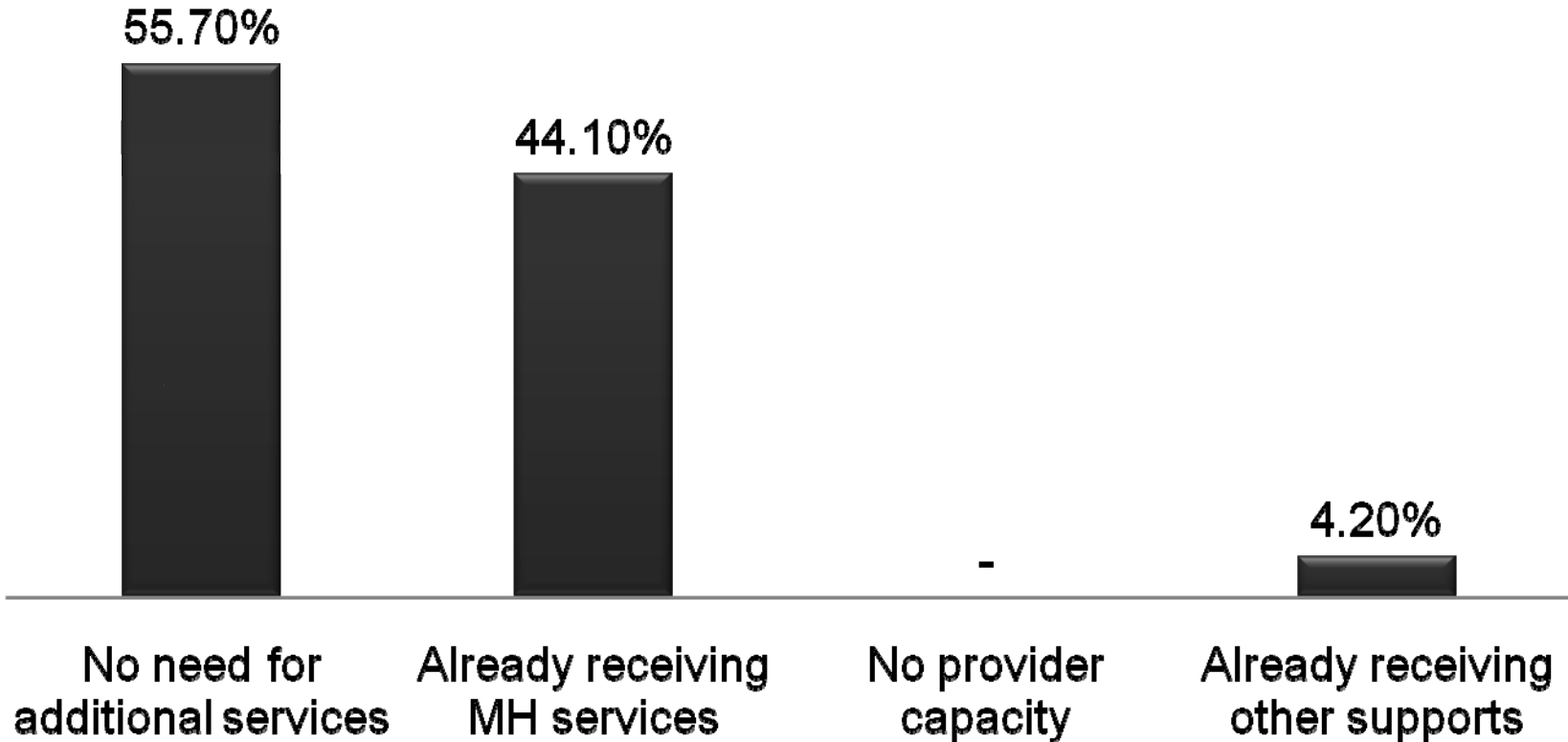
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Types of Non-Mental Health Service Referrals*

Type of Non-Mental Health Service Referral	Identified at Risk Through Screening (n=180)	Identified at Risk Through Trained Gatekeepers (n=32)
Discussed availability of other supports with youth	16.7%	28.1%
Tutoring/academic counseling	66.7%	9.4%
Physical health referral	5.0%	18.8%
Other	13.9%	21.9%

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Reasons for Non-Referral*



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Lessons Learned: How Sites are Maximizing Information Resources for Early Identification and Referral

- Building on existing administrative efforts and utilizing:
 - referral logs
 - service utilization reports
 - administrative records
- Augmenting GK follow-up protocol with:
 - follow-up mailings
 - e-mails
 - telephone calls
- Enhancing existing service provider protocols
- Tapping existing databases
- Developing strategic partnerships with systems and organizations motivated to collect or share relevant information
- Developing new collection and monitoring systems