TREATING SUBSTANCE USE IN THE CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION



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CAMHD OVERVIEW

Serve youth ages 3-18 (sometimes up to 21)

- Approx. 41% female
- M age 13.6 years (SD = 3.7 years)
- Primarily multiethnic (58.4%)

Most frequent primary dx

- Disruptive, impulse control, and conduct disorders (24.1%)
- Depressive disorders (19.8%)
- Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (16.3%)
- Adjustment disorders (14.6%)

CAMHD OVERVIEW (CONT.)

Eligibility Criteria (basically, the federal definition of a serious emotional disturbance [SED])

- Qualifies for a mental health diagnosis by qualified mental health professional (not only a substance use dx or developmental disability)
- 2) Significant functional impairment at home, school, or in the community
- + Eligible funding source

CAMHD OVERVIEW (CONT.)

What services does CAMHD provide?

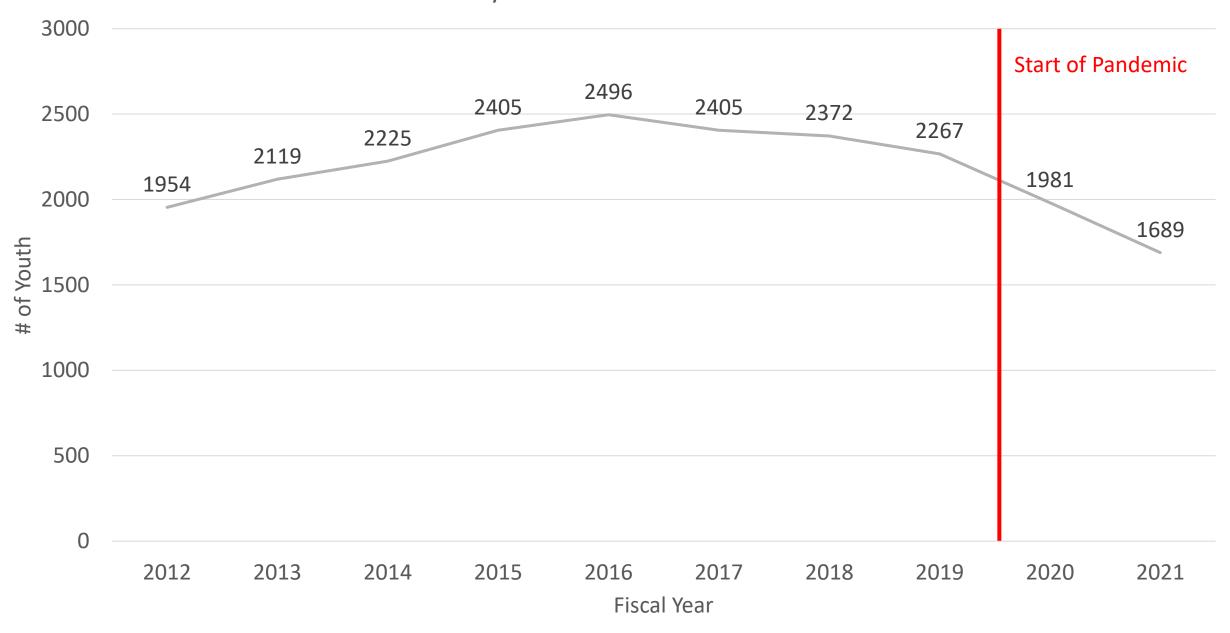
- Care Coordinators provide intensive case management services as part of a clinical team with a psychologist and/or psychiatrist
- CAMHD contracts with private agencies and cases are co-managed between CAMHD and the treatment provider
- Offer a wide array of home and community-based mental health treatment services, based on youth's specific needs
 - E.g., Intensive in-home therapy, Independent living skills, Transitional family home programs,
 Residential programs, Crisis services, Hospital-based services
- CAMHD promotes use of evidence-based services across levels of care

CAMHD OVERVIEW (CONT.)

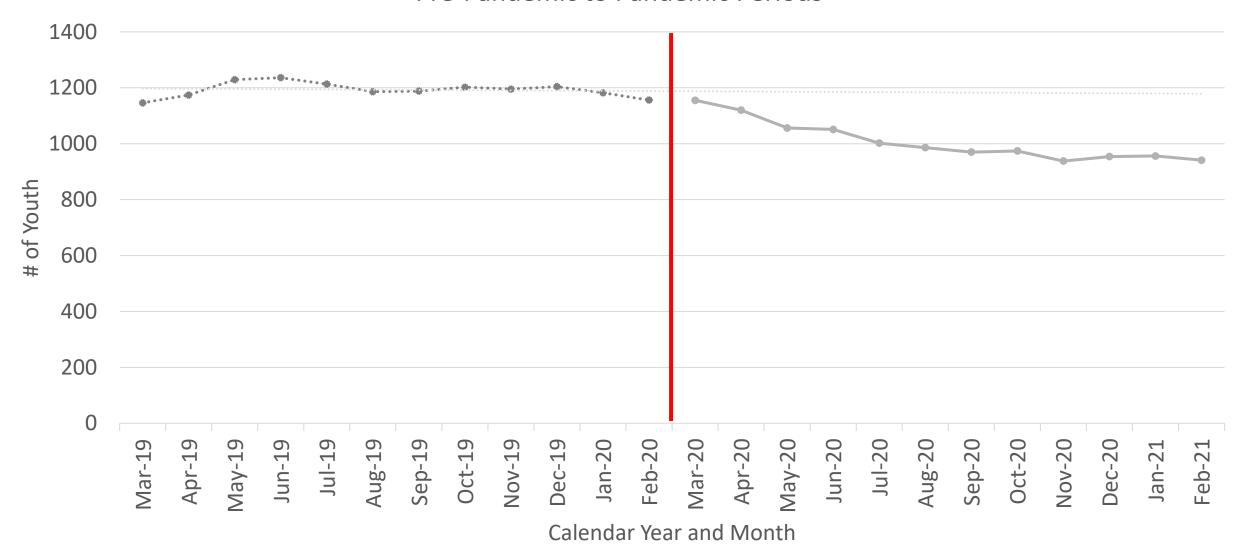
Substance Use Disorders and Treatment in CAMHD:

- Substance use disorders on their own do not qualify for CAMHD services but can co-occur with another psychiatric disorder
- All contracted providers should have substance use treatment integrated into their care
 - Evidence-based services for substance use: Multisystemic Therapy (MST),
 Functional Family Therapy (FFT)
 - One specialized residential program is often utilized the most for SU youth

Number of Youth Served by CAMHD Within Each Fiscal Year: Past 10 Years



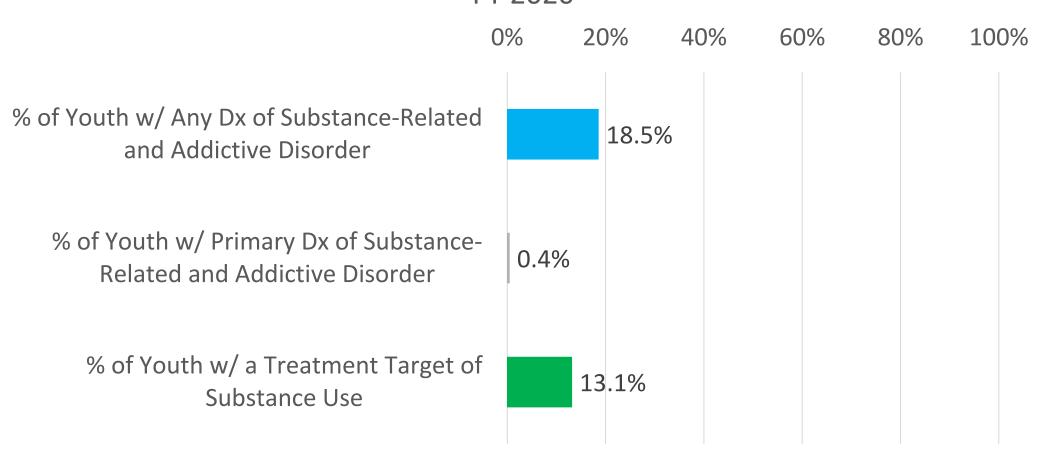
Trends in Total CAMHD Youth With Any Open Case Within Each Month: Comparing Pre-Pandemic to Pandemic Periods



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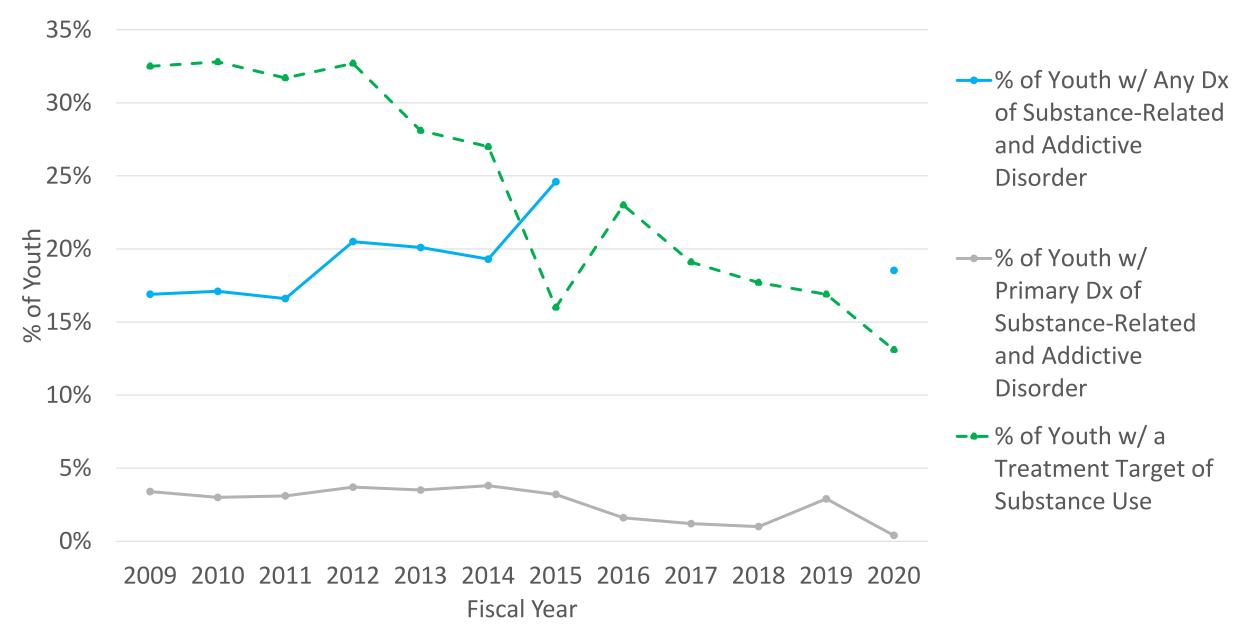
SUBSTANCE USE PROBLEMS IN CAMHD'S YOUTH

Percent of CAMHD Youth with Substance Use Problems: FY 2020



Treatment Target – the strengths and needs being addressed as part of the mental health services for youth and family clients

% of CAMHD Youth with Substance Use Problems: Since FY 2009



MORE ABOUT SUBSTANCE USE AS A MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT TARGET...

Treatment Targets

Hyperactivity

Impulsivity
Independent Living Skills

Learning Disorder/Underachievement

Mania

Occupational Functioning/Stress

Oppositional/Non-Compliant Behavior

Peer Involvement

Peer/Sibling Conflict

Personal Hygiene

Phobia/Fears

Positive Family Functioning

Positive Peer Interaction

Positive Thinking/Attitude

Psychosis

Runaway/Elopement

School Involvement

School Refusal/Truancy

Self-Esteem

Self-Injurious Behavior

Self-Management/Self-Control

Sexual Misconduct

Sleep Disturbance/Sleep Hygiene

Social Skills

Substance Use

Suicidality

Traumatic Stress

Treatment Engagement

Willful Misconduct/Delinquency

What treatment practices should we use for a specific treatment target???

Practice Elements

Activity Scheduling

Assertiveness Training

Attending

Behavioral Contracting

Biofeedback/Neurofeedback

Care Coordination

Catharsis

Cognitive

Commands

Communication Skills

Crisis Management

Cultural Training

Discrete Trial Training

Educational Support

Emotional Processing

Exposure

Eye Movement/Tapping

Family Engagement

Family Therapy

Free Association

Functional Analysis

Goal Setting

Guided Imagery

Hypnosis

Ignoring or Differential Reinforcement

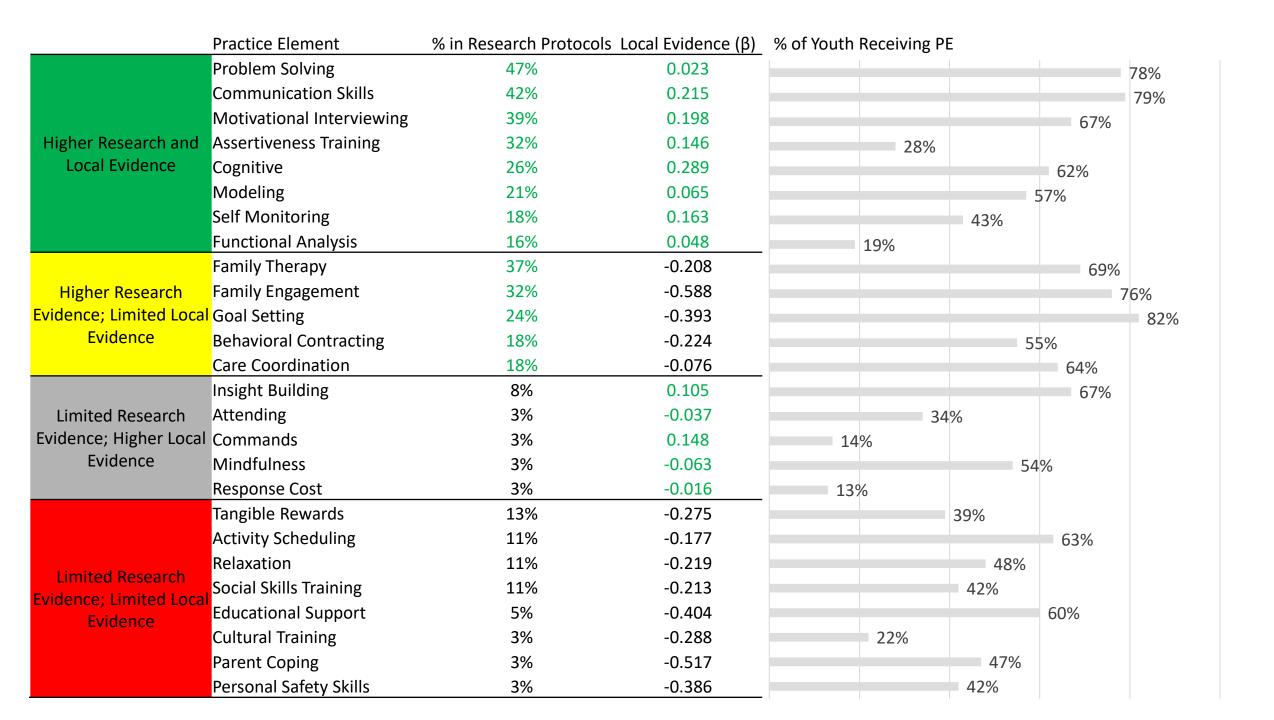


Practice Elements – the discrete clinical intervention strategies applies by the therapist and/or treating provider within a treatment session.

Targeting Substance Use



- 1. What does the *research literature* say is effective in treating substance use problems?
- 2. What does our *local research* say is effective with our youth in Hawai'i?
- 3. What does my clinical expertise and experience say?
- 4. What has been working and not working for this particular youth?



CAMHD SUBSTANCE USE RESEARCH

MAIN FINDINGS OF A FEW STUDIES

- In months when substance use was targeted, disruptive behavior targets were the most commonly endorsed (Turner et al., 2016)
- Substance use commonly endorsed in the first 6 months of intensive in-home treatment (23.8% of youth)
- Substance use treatment target reached an average highest progress rating of 3.58 (SD=1.88; between "some improvement" and "moderate improvement") on a scale of 0-6
- ■Took an average of 100.2 (SD=58.3) days to reach highest progress rating (Love et al., 2014)

MAIN FINDINGS OF A FEW STUDIES (CONT.)

In examining documentation of elopements from residential treatment facilities, the 3 major motivational categories for the elopement were:

- 1) peer influence,
- 2) escape from negative stimuli within the facility, and
- 3) approach toward reinforcing stimuli outside the facility with a common subcategory being a desire to use substances (Milette-Winfree et al., 2017)

MAIN FINDINGS OF A FEW STUDIES (CONT.)

Use of family interventions and involvement in predicting substance use treatment progress for geographically isolated and non-isolated youth in intensive in-home was examined:

- No evidence that average substance use progress ratings were lower in geographically isolated areas (i.e., non-Oahu counties)
- No difference in the use of family interventions for geographically isolated and non-isolated youth



MAIN FINDINGS OF A FEW STUDIES (CONT.)

- Families of geographically isolated youth were involved in treatment more frequently than non-isolated families
- Only individual interventions and involvement in treatment were significant predictors of average substance use progress ratings when considered alongside family interventions and involvement
- Family interventions (but not involvement) was a significant predictor of average substance use progress ratings when considered independently of individual interventions and involvement (Hee et al., 2021)

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

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Resources

For information on CAMHD and how to refer: https://health.hawaii.gov/camhd/

For more CAMHD research: https://health.hawaii.gov/camhd/publications/

For the Practice Element Matrix: https://health.hawaii.gov/camhd/clinical-tools/

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