

**Making Better Use of Data from
 the CMHS Demonstration Project**

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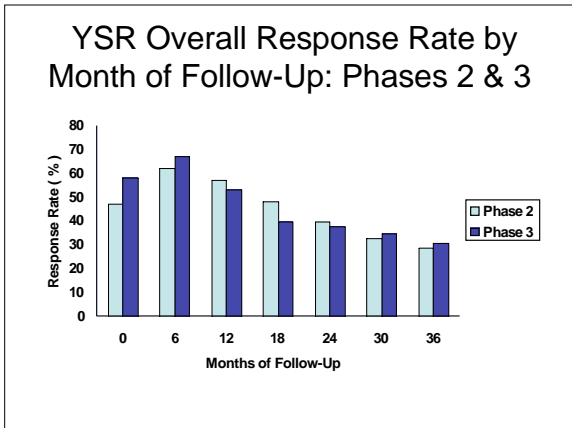
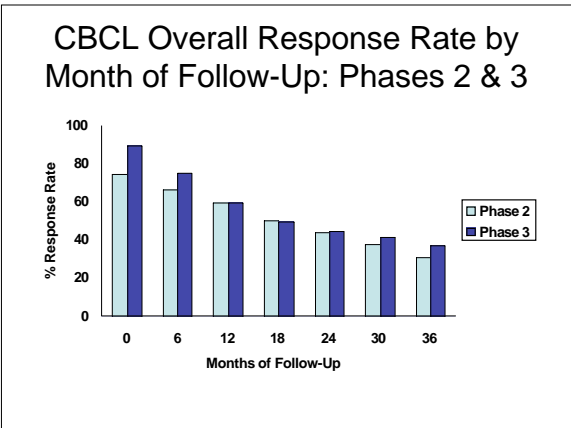
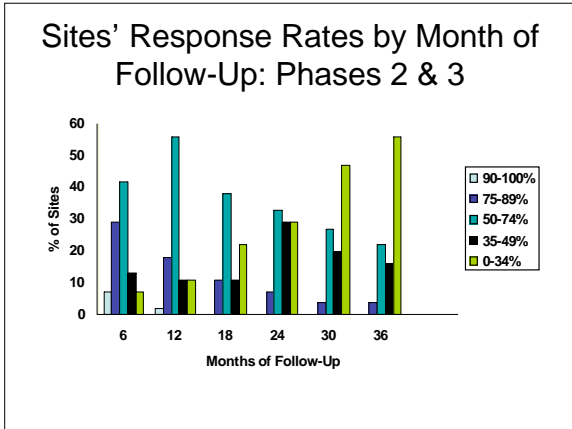
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CMHS Demonstration Project

- 126 grants funded across the U.S.
- Data available on approximately
 – 77 000 youth served by the program

Challenges

- Missing data
- Attrition
- Longitudinal Data Analyses
- Sub-group Analyses
- Multi-level analyses




**Accessing and Analyzing National Evaluation Data:
The Data Access Group**

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Purpose of the Data Access Group

- ▶ Promote interest among experts in the field
- ▶ Expand analytical resources
- ▶ Enhance dissemination activities from the national evaluation data




Proposal Submission Process

- ▶ Request for proposal announcements sent through various mechanisms
- ▶ National evaluation team to conduct initial screening
- ▶ Proposal Review Process:
 - National evaluation team review
 - Expert consultant review
 - CMHS to make final decisions
- ▶ Review process takes approximately 6-8 weeks




Criteria for Review

- ▶ Proposals are rated on:
 - Relevance of the proposed study to the field of children's mental health and knowledge of system-of-care program theory and principles
 - Ability to address one of the topics of interest
 - Clarity of the research questions and study design
 - Strength of the analysis plan and match between the research questions and proposed plan
 - Well thought out dissemination and publication plan
 - Experience of the researcher or research team




National Evaluation Data Available for Use

- ▶ Aggregate descriptive and child and family outcomes data
- ▶ Combined datasets of:
 - Phase II: Communities funded in 1997 and 1998
 - Phase III: Communities funded in 1999 and 2000



Current Proposals under DAG

- ▶ Small Grant Program:
 - RFP announcement: \$10K for research using national evaluation data
 - A total of 9 proposals received; 3 were funded
- ▶ Subcontracts
 - 3 proposals under existing subcontracting agreements
- ▶ Non-funded Proposals
 - 3 proposals received and accepted



Examples of Proposal Topics

- ▶ Understanding service utilization among rural/urban children
- ▶ Exploring patterns of change in family functioning and its impact on youth
- ▶ Service utilization and satisfaction of American Indian/Alaska Native children, youth, and families in systems of care
- ▶ Clinical profiles and utilization patterns of African American males in systems of Care
- ▶ The relationship between system Characteristics and outcomes
- ▶ Risk and severity of offending among early and late adolescents with conduct disorder



Funded/Accepted Proposals

- ▶ Data User's Agreement
- ▶ Data Support
 - Technical Assistance from national evaluation team
 - Supporting materials:
 - Data manual
 - Procedures manual
 - Instrument package
 - Data Access Group meetings



More Information

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General Discussion

Other challenges

Suggestions on how to better use the data

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