Making Better Use of Data from the CMHS Demonstration Project

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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

Sites’ Response Rates by Month of Follow-Up: Phases 2 & 3

CBCL Overall Response Rate by Month of Follow-Up: Phases 2 & 3

YSR Overall Response Rate by Month of Follow-Up: Phases 2 & 3
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

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

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
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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