The Effects of Age Defined Eligibility Criteria on Access to Services

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Questions

1. Can a grant project focused on improving the transition system improve age continuity of services?
2. Specifically, can the number of services that offer age continuity across transition years increase?

Organization Changes from Wave I to II

Wave I to Wave II

- Programs terminated = 10
- New Programs=9
- Programs merged = 2
- Program added to interviews in Wave 2=6
- Refused to participate in interview =4

Distribution of Programs by Age Groups Served

(\(n=103\) Wave I, 100 Wave II)

- 14-25 yr olds Continuously
- 14-25 yr olds Discontinuously
- Adults Only
- Youth Only

"Youth Only"=up to 18 or 21, "Adult Only"=18 or 21 and older
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**Age Continuity by Service Type**  
Wave I

**Distribution of Service Types**  
Wave II  
N=541

**Continuity Availability by Service Type**

**Wave I-II Continuity**
- The proportion of service types that offered age continuity in at least one program increased from 54%-73% from Wave I-II
- The proportion of services (WvI n=789; WvII n=541) that were age continuous increased from 12.5%-16.5%

**Conclusions**
- The number of organizations, service types, and proportion of services that offer some continuity in services has increased
- Mental health services did not show an increase
- Majority of organizations and services still age segregated
- Next questions; Why /why not change?