

*Youth Services Survey for Families
(YSS-Families) Results*

*Statewide Summary Report
for the
May 2005 Data Collection Period*

CHILDREN & YOUTH PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES



**Broad-Based Evaluation
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Purpose of this report

The purpose of this report is to provide data on consumer perception of mental health services as measured by the items from the 21-item Youth Services Survey for Families (YSS-Families). This report is a STATEWIDE summary of the YSS-Families (see Attachment A) data that were collected by the California State Department of Mental Health during the May 2-13, 2005 survey period. To assist with the interpretation of this summary report, brief narratives are provided before each table is presented. County tables can be downloaded from each county's Information Technology Web Services (ITWS) folder, accessible to authorized ITWS users at <https://mhitws.cahwnet.gov/>.

Consumer Demographic & Descriptive Items

Summary Report

The following tables reflect aggregated STATEWIDE data and highlight demographic items that were collected on the YSS-Families, as well as several additional descriptive items, that were reported by consumers who received services during the May 2-13, 2005, survey period. Results of YSS-Families consumer-completed items are highlighted in yellow, and exclude surveys that had no responses for all 21 items on the YSS-Families portion of the survey. **Out of 17,200 Statewide YSS-Families Surveys, a total of 13,381 were considered “complete,” as they had at least one response to the YSS-Families section.**

TOTAL NUMBER OF SURVEYS SUBMITTED (STATEWIDE)

A total of 17,200 YSS-Families Surveys were submitted for the Statewide.

Statewide

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Statewide	17200	100.0	100.0	100.0

GENDER

For the consumers who responded to the question – “What is your child’s gender?” – 37.8% identified their child as being Female, 62.2% identified their child as being Male and 0.1% as Other. Additionally, 5.6% of the consumers did not respond to this item.

What is your child's gender?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid				
	Female	4770	35.6	37.8
	Male	7856	58.7	62.2
	Other	9	.1	.1
	Total	12635	94.4	100.0
No Response		746	5.6	
Total		13381	100.0	

AGE CATEGORY*

For the consumers who responded to the question – “What is your child’s date of birth?” – 3.9% were under age 5, 22.6% were aged 5-8, 34.4% were aged 9-12, 17.3% were aged 13-14, 18.9% were aged 15-17, 1.8% were aged 18-21 and 1.0% were over age 22. Additionally, 11.7% of the consumers did not respond to this item.

Age Category

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Under 5	456	3.4	3.9	3.9
	5-8	2675	20.0	22.6	26.5
	9-12	4069	30.4	34.4	60.9
	13-14	2040	15.2	17.3	78.2
	15-17	2235	16.7	18.9	97.1
	18-21	218	1.6	1.8	99.0
	22+	124	.9	1.0	100.0
	Total	11817	88.3	100.0	
No Response		1564	11.7		
Total		13381	100.0		

SERVICE LENGTH

For the consumers who responded to the question – “How long has your child received services here?” – 3.3% reported that it was their first visit; 5.8% reported that they had had more than one visit, but that they had received services for less than one month; 13.1% reported having received services for 1-2 months; 19.0% reported having received services for 3-5 months; 24.2% reported receiving services for 6 months to 1 year and 34.6% reported receiving services for more than one year. Additionally, 28.1% of the consumers did not respond to this item.

How long has your child received services here?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	This is my first visit here	314	2.3	3.3	3.3
	> 1 visit, but < one month	554	4.1	5.8	9.0
	1 to 2 months	1260	9.4	13.1	22.1
	3 to 5 months	1832	13.7	19.0	41.2
	6 months to 1 year	2327	17.4	24.2	65.4
	More than 1 year	3333	24.9	34.6	100.0
	Total	9620	71.9	100.0	
No Response		3761	28.1		
Total		13381	100.0		

* Although the Family Survey is completed by parents and caregivers of youth and transition-age youth up to 21 years of age, this table reflects that DMH received “family” surveys from caregivers of youth older than age 21. Consumers may have, inadvertently, been given the wrong survey from to complete, or may have unintentionally filled out the item with an invalid date of birth. There were also a number of surveys for which there was no response for the “date of birth” item.

MEXICAN / HISPANIC / LATINO ORIGIN

On the YSS-Families Survey, 43.2% of the consumers identified their child as being “of Mexican / Hispanic / Latino Origin.”

Are either of the child's parents of Mexican / Hispanic / Latino origin?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	6028	45.0	45.0	45.0
	Yes	5776	43.2	43.2	88.2
	Unknown	1577	11.8	11.8	100.0
	Total	13381	100.0	100.0	

RACE

Consumers were permitted to identify as many race categories as they felt were applicable; therefore, each race category is reported individually and, due to potential overlap, the numbers will not collectively add up to 100%. Each race category was presented as a “yes/no” option: “yes” if the consumer marked the bubble on the YSS-Families Survey and “no” if the consumer did not mark the bubble.

On the YSS-Families Survey, 43.5% of the consumers identified their child as being “White / Caucasian.”

Is your child's race White / Caucasian?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	7555	56.5	56.5	56.5
	Yes	5826	43.5	43.5	100.0
	Total	13381	100.0	100.0	

On the YSS-Families Survey, 15.9% of the consumers identified their child as being “Black / African American.”

Is your child's race Black / African American?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	11258	84.1	84.1	84.1
	Yes	2123	15.9	15.9	100.0
	Total	13381	100.0	100.0	

On the YSS-Families Survey, 3.1% of the consumers identified their child as being “Asian.”

Is your child's race Asian?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	12969	96.9	96.9	96.9
	Yes	412	3.1	3.1	100.0
Total		13381	100.0	100.0	

On the YSS-Families Survey, 5.2% of the consumers identified their child as being “American Indian / Alaskan Native.”

Is your child's race American Indian / Alaskan Native?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	12688	94.8	94.8	94.8
	Yes	693	5.2	5.2	100.0
Total		13381	100.0	100.0	

On the YSS-Families Survey, 1.0% of the consumers identified their child as being “Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander.”

Is your child's race Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	13251	99.0	99.0	99.0
	Yes	130	1.0	1.0	100.0
Total		13381	100.0	100.0	

On the YSS-Families Survey, 20.2% of the consumers identified their child as being of another race.

Other Race?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	10682	79.8	79.8	79.8
	Yes	2699	20.2	20.2	100.0
Total		13381	100.0	100.0	

On the YSS-Families Survey, 1.0% of the consumers were not able to identify their race.

Unknown Race?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	13243	99.0	99.0	99.0
	Yes	138	1.0	1.0	100.0
Total		13381	100.0	100.0	

LANGUAGE OF SURVEY

On the YSS-Families Survey, 0.5% of the consumers responded using the Chinese version of the YSS-Families Survey; 80.7% used the English version; 0.2% used the Korean version; 18.5% used the Spanish version and 0.0% of the consumers used the Tagalog version of the YSS-Families Survey.

Language of instrument

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Chinese	67	.5	.5	.5
	English	10801	80.7	80.7	81.2
	Korean	29	.2	.2	81.4
	Spanish	2480	18.5	18.5	100.0
	Tagalog	4	.0	.0	100.0
	Total	13381	100.0	100.0	

PREFERRED LANGUAGE

On the YSS-Families Survey, 98.1% of the consumers responded that the services their child received were provided in his/her preferred language and 96.4% responded that written information was available in his/her preferred language. Additionally, 7.0% and 7.9% of the consumers did not respond to these items, respectively.

Were the services your child received provided in the language he / she preferred?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	242	1.8	1.9	1.9
	Yes	12196	91.1	98.1	100.0
	Total	12438	93.0	100.0	
	No Response	943	7.0		
Total		13381	100.0		

Was written information (e.g., brochures describing available services, your rights as a consumer, and mental health education materials) available to you in the language you prefer?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	438	3.3	3.6	3.6
	Yes	11884	88.8	96.4	100.0
	Total	12322	92.1	100.0	
	No Response	1059	7.9		
Total		13381	100.0		

JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT

For the May 2005 survey period, 97.8% of the consumers reported that their child had NOT been arrested for any crimes in the month prior to completing the YSS-Families Survey. Additionally, 6.7% of the consumers did not respond to this item.

In the past MONTH, how many times was your child arrested for any crimes?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No arrests	12216	91.3	97.8	97.8
	1 arrest	213	1.6	1.7	99.5
	2 arrests	35	.3	.3	99.8
	3 arrests	6	.0	.0	99.8
	4 or more arrests	20	.1	.2	100.0
	Total	12490	93.3	100.0	
	No Response	891	6.7		
Total		13381	100.0		

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

For the consumers who responded to the question – “How often was your child absent from school during the past month?” – 52.9% indicated 1 day or less, 13.4% indicated 2 days, 13.2% indicated 3-5 days, 3.6% indicated 6-10 days, 3.5% indicated more than 10 days, 5.5% did not remember and 7.8% indicated that the question did not apply to their child or that their child was not in school. Additionally, 8.1% of the consumers did not respond to this item.

How often was your child absent from school during the past MONTH?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 day or less	6508	48.6	52.9	52.9
	2 days	1650	12.3	13.4	66.4
	3-5 days	1618	12.1	13.2	79.5
	6-10 days	448	3.3	3.6	83.2
	More than 10 days	431	3.2	3.5	86.7
	Do not remember	681	5.1	5.5	92.2
	Not Applicable / Not In School	959	7.2	7.8	100.0
	Total	12295	91.9	100.0	
	No Response	1086	8.1		
Total		13381	100.0		

ASSISTANCE COMPLETING SURVEY

Consumers were permitted to identify all of the individuals who assisted them in completing the YSS-Families Survey; therefore, more than one person may have provided assistance and, due to potential overlap, the numbers will not collectively add up to 100%. Each category was presented as a “yes/no” option: “yes” if the consumer marked the bubble on the YSS-Families Survey and “no” if the consumer did not mark the bubble.

For the May 2005 survey period, 81.7% of the consumers responded that they did not need any help in completing the YSS-Families Survey.

I did not need any help.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	2443	18.3	18.3	18.3
	Yes	10938	81.7	81.7	100.0
	Total	13381	100.0	100.0	

For the May 2005 survey period, 1.9% of the consumers responded that a mental health advocate / volunteer helped them complete the YSS-Families Survey.

A mental health advocate / volunteer helped me.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	13131	98.1	98.1	98.1
	Yes	250	1.9	1.9	100.0
	Total	13381	100.0	100.0	

For the May 2005 survey period, 0.6% of the consumers responded that another mental health consumer helped them complete the YSS-Families Survey.

Another mental health consumer helped me.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	13304	99.4	99.4	99.4
	Yes	77	.6	.6	100.0
	Total	13381	100.0	100.0	

For the May 2005 survey period, 2.8% of the consumers responded that a member of their family helped them complete the YSS-Families Survey.

A member of my family helped me.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	13011	97.2	97.2	97.2
	Yes	370	2.8	2.8	100.0
	Total	13381	100.0	100.0	

For the May 2005 survey period, 1.6% of the consumers responded that a professional interviewer helped them complete the YSS-Families Survey.

A professional interviewer helped me.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	13162	98.4	98.4	98.4
	Yes	219	1.6	1.6	100.0
	Total	13381	100.0	100.0	

For the May 2005 survey period, 3.3% of the consumers responded that a clinician / case manager helped them complete the YSS-Families Survey.

My clinician / case manager helped me.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	12937	96.7	96.7	96.7
	Yes	444	3.3	3.3	100.0
	Total	13381	100.0	100.0	

For the May 2005 survey period, 2.9% of the consumers responded that a staff member other than their clinician or case manager helped them complete the YSS-Families Survey.

A staff member other than my clinician or case manager helped me.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	12988	97.1	97.1	97.1
	Yes	393	2.9	2.9	100.0
	Total	13381	100.0	100.0	

For the May 2005 survey period, 1.4% of the consumers responded that someone else helped them complete the YSS-Families Survey.

Someone else helped me.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	13188	98.6	98.6	98.6
	Yes	193	1.4	1.4	100.0
	Total	13381	100.0	100.0	

REASON WHY SURVEY NOT COMPLETED (if applicable)

Out of 17,200 surveys received, 3,819 (22.2%) were not completed by the consumers. County staff were expected to complete a “Reason” item if a consumer who met the criteria for the target population did not complete a YSS-Families Survey. Of those consumers who were expected to complete a YSS-Families Survey, but did not, 22.3% of the consumers were reported to have Refused the survey, 2.2% were reported to have had an Impairment, 3.8% did not have a survey available in their Language and 71.7% were marked as having an “Other” reason for non-completion. Additionally, 5.5% of the YSS-Families Surveys that were not completed did not have a “Reason” response.

If the instrument is not completed, the PRIMARY reason must be indicated.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Refused	805	21.1	22.3	22.3
	Impairment	79	2.1	2.2	24.5
	Language	136	3.6	3.8	28.3
	Other	2588	67.8	71.7	100.0
	Total	3608	94.5	100.0	
No Response		211	5.5		
Total		3819	100.0		

Youth Services Survey for Families (YSS-F) *Summary Report*

About the Youth Services Survey for Families (YSS-Families)

The YSS-Families is a 21-item consumer-completed survey designed to obtain participant perceptions of 1) access to services, 2) cultural sensitivity, 3) consumer participation in treatment planning, 4) service outcomes and 5) general satisfaction. The YSS-Families survey was developed through the collaborative efforts of the federally funded Mental Health Statistics Improvement Program (www.mhsip.org), and included the direct assistance and feedback of consumers, their families, and mental health advocates. The YSS-Families is currently used in most states across the United States.

It is important to remember that the ratings on the YSS-Families survey represent a participant's perceptions. Some data exist to suggest that satisfaction with services, in and of itself, does not necessarily correlate with outcomes. However, the YSS-Families provides a good source of information to ensure that consumers have the opportunity to shape and improve their services.

The following tables present STATEWIDE data that were collected and aggregated from the YSS-Families portion of the May 2005 YSS-Families Survey. The YSS-Families items are rated on a five-point scale, with "5" indicating the greatest satisfaction.

The items that comprise each of the YSS-Families subscales (i.e., access to services, cultural sensitivity, consumer participation in treatment planning, service outcomes and general satisfaction) were averaged and then grouped into the following categories: 1.0 - 1.5 = 'Dissatisfied', 1.5001 - 2.5 = 'Somewhat Dissatisfied', 2.5001 - 3.5 = 'Neutral', 3.5001 - 4.5 = 'Satisfied' and 4.5001 - 5 = 'Very Satisfied'. As a general guideline for interpretation, the national benchmark for satisfaction is an overall scale score above 3.5.

For the tables reflecting categorical groupings of YSS-Families survey averages and YSS-Families subscale averages, total frequencies may differ depending on how many items on each scale consumers completed. Averages were only calculated for those YSS-Families Surveys where at least 2/3 of the items in the particular domain were completed (i.e., only 1/3 of the items could have no response). The results are shaded.

The average scores for each of the YSS-Families subscales are reported below.

PERCEPTION OF ACCESS TO SERVICES

For the consumers who completed at least 2/3 of the items that comprise the “Perception of Access to Services” subscale, 37.9% reported that they were Very Satisfied, 48.4% reported they were Satisfied, 9.9% were Neutral, 2.5% were Somewhat Dissatisfied and 1.3% were Dissatisfied. Additionally, for 4.4% of the surveys, less than 2/3 of the necessary items were completed, thus no subscale score could be calculated.

Perception of Access to Services

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Dissatisfied	170	1.3	1.3	1.3
	Somewhat Dissatisfied	317	2.4	2.5	3.8
	Neutral	1263	9.4	9.9	13.7
	Satisfied	6194	46.3	48.4	62.1
	Very Satisfied	4852	36.3	37.9	100.0
	Total	12796	95.6	100.0	
No Response		585	4.4		
Total		13381	100.0		

PERCEPTION OF CULTURAL SENSITIVITY

For the consumers who completed at least 2/3 of the items that comprise the “Perception of Cultural Sensitivity” subscale, 52.0% reported that they were Very Satisfied, 43.5% reported they were Satisfied, 3.2% were Neutral, 0.4% were Somewhat Dissatisfied and 1.0% were Dissatisfied. Additionally, for 12.3% of the surveys, less than 2/3 of the necessary items were completed, thus no subscale score could be calculated.

Perception of Cultural Sensitivity

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Dissatisfied	112	.8	1.0	1.0
	Somewhat Dissatisfied	49	.4	.4	1.4
	Neutral	372	2.8	3.2	4.5
	Satisfied	5106	38.2	43.5	48.0
	Very Satisfied	6100	45.6	52.0	100.0
	Total	11739	87.7	100.0	
No Response		1642	12.3		
Total		13381	100.0		

PERCEPTION OF PARTICIPATION IN TREATMENT PLANNING

For the consumers who completed at least 2/3 of the items that comprise the “Perception of Treatment Planning” subscale, 35.4% reported that they were Very Satisfied, 53.4% reported they were Satisfied, 8.3% were Neutral, 1.9% were Somewhat Dissatisfied and 1.0% were Dissatisfied. Additionally, for 5.4% of the surveys, less than 2/3 of the necessary items were completed, thus no subscale score could be calculated.

Perception of Participation in Treatment Planning

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Dissatisfied	127	.9	1.0	1.0
	Somewhat Dissatisfied	238	1.8	1.9	2.9
	Neutral	1051	7.9	8.3	11.2
	Satisfied	6760	50.5	53.4	64.6
	Very Satisfied	4484	33.5	35.4	100.0
	Total	12660	94.6	100.0	
No Response		721	5.4		
Total		13381	100.0		

OUTCOMES

For the consumers who completed at least 2/3 of the items that comprise the “Outcomes” subscale, 18.5% reported that they were Very Satisfied, 45.4% reported they were Satisfied, 28.1% were Neutral, 6.4% were Somewhat Dissatisfied and 1.6% were Dissatisfied. Additionally, for 5.9% of the surveys, less than 2/3 of the necessary items were completed, thus no subscale score could be calculated.

Outcomes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Dissatisfied	199	1.5	1.6	1.6
	Somewhat Dissatisfied	809	6.0	6.4	8.0
	Neutral	3541	26.5	28.1	36.1
	Satisfied	5721	42.8	45.4	81.5
	Very Satisfied	2327	17.4	18.5	100.0
	Total	12597	94.1	100.0	
No Response		784	5.9		
Total		13381	100.0		

GENERAL SATISFACTION

For the consumers who completed at least 2/3 of the items that comprise the “General Satisfaction” subscale, 37.9% reported that they were Very Satisfied, 49.0% reported they were Satisfied, 10.7% were Neutral, 1.5% were Somewhat Dissatisfied and 0.9% were Dissatisfied. Additionally, for 3.5% of the surveys, less than 2/3 of the necessary items were completed, thus no subscale score could be calculated.

General Satisfaction

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Dissatisfied	112	.8	.9	.9
	Somewhat Dissatisfied	196	1.5	1.5	2.4
	Neutral	1384	10.3	10.7	13.1
	Satisfied	6326	47.3	49.0	62.1
	Very Satisfied	4895	36.6	37.9	100.0
	Total	12913	96.5	100.0	
No Response		468	3.5		
Total		13381	100.0		

AVERAGE MHSIP SUBSCALE SCORES

Average scores were calculated for the surveys within which at least 2/3 of the items that comprise each of the subscales were completed. Overall, respondents indicated that they were “Satisfied” with family’s Access to Services (indicated by a subscale score of 4.29; 12,796 responses), the Cultural Sensitivity of their child’s treatment (indicated by a subscale score of 4.48; 11,739 responses), family’s Participation in Treatment Planning (indicated by a subscale score of 4.22; 12,660 responses), child’s Outcomes (indicated by a subscale score of 3.77; 12,597 responses) and services generally (General Satisfaction; indicated by a subscale score of 4.26; 12,913 responses).

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
Average: Perception of Access to Services	12796	1.00	5.00	4.29	.76
Average: Perception of Cultural Sensitivity	11739	1.00	5.00	4.48	.63
Average: Perception of Participation in Treatment Planning	12660	1.00	5.00	4.22	.71
Average: Outcomes	12597	1.00	5.00	3.77	.83
Average: General Satisfaction	12913	1.00	5.00	4.26	.69
Valid N (listwise)	10632				