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SAMHSA Study of School Mental Health Services

One-fifth of students receive some type of school-supported mental health services during the school year, according to a new national survey released by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Elementary, middle, and high schools all cite social, interpersonal, or family problems as the most frequent mental health problems for students.

Mental health problems are broadly defined in the new publication, *School Mental Health Services in the United States, 2002-2003*, covering a spectrum of concerns, from relatively mild, commonly seen problems such as difficulty adjusting to a new school, to more significant behavior problems such as bullying, to serious psychiatric and developmental disorders. Mental health services were defined as those services and supports delivered to individual students who have been referred and identified as having psychosocial or mental health problems.....[More Details](#)

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Dissociative Disorders

Dissociative disorders are so-called because they are marked by a dissociation from or interruption of a person's fundamental aspects of waking consciousness (such as one's personal identity, one's personal history, etc.). Dissociative disorders come in many forms, the most famous of which is dissociative identity disorder.....[More Details](#)

Healthcare Crisis in the Children's Mental Health System

20% of children and adolescents in the United States suffer from a mental illness. Tragically, in any given year, only 1 in 5 children with a mental illness receives mental health services – up to 80% fail to receive critically needed treatment. (Surgeon General's Conference on Children's Mental Health, 2000)

An alarming 65% of boys and 75% of girls in juvenile detention have at least one psychiatric diagnosis. (Teplin, L. Archives of General Psychiatry, Vol. 59, December 2002) These youth have all too often fallen through the cracks in the health care, education and child welfare systems.

Tragically, suicide is the 3rd leading cause of death among 15 to 24 year olds and is responsible for more deaths in this age group than all other illnesses combined. Over 90% of children and adolescents who commit suicide have a mental disorder. (Institute of Medicine 2002 and Surgeon General 1999)

By the year 2020 – childhood neuropsychiatric disorders will rise proportionately by over 50% to become one of the five most common causes of morbidity, mortality and disability among children. (WHO, 2001)

NAMI's 1999 report – *Families on the Brink, The Impact of Ignoring Children with Serious Mental Illness* – documents the prevalence of the custody relinquishment problem. In *Families on the Brink*, 23% of respondents to NAMI's national survey of parents and caregivers, reported being told that they would have to relinquish custody of their child to access services. 20% of the respondents reported they ultimately relinquished custody of their child to the state.....[More Details](#)

Upcoming Events

December 16, 2:00PM - Fremont C.A.R.E meeting, 2PM at Pontifex in Fremont

December 23, 2:00PM - Fremont C.A.R.E meeting, 2PM at Pontifex in Fremont

December 28, 2:00PM - Tiffin C.A.R.E meeting, 2PM at the RTA Building, Tiffin

December 30, 2:00PM - Fremont C.A.R.E meeting, 2PM at Pontifex in Fremont

January 2, 7:00 PM - Volunteer & Membership Meeting, 7PM at our office in Fremont

January 5, 7:00 PM - Wyandot Family Support Group, 7PM at Angeline School

January 6, 2:00PM - Fremont C.A.R.E meeting, 2PM at Pontifex in Fremont

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