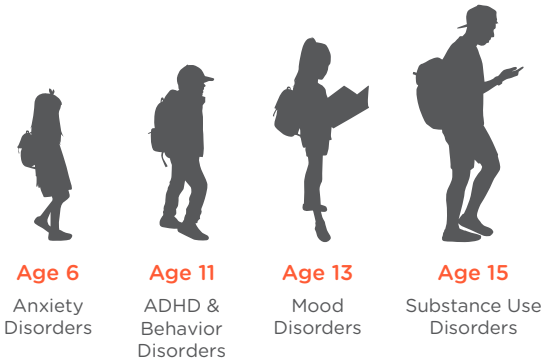


PINELLAS CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH **IMPACT SHEET**

Childhood experiences lay the foundation for a successful adulthood. About 50% of all chronic mental illness begins by age 14, yet most go untreated until later years. Early intervention is key for developing healthy coping skills and resiliency. Juvenile Welfare Board and our partners launched the Children's Mental Health Initiative to increase prevention, early detection, and intervention with a focus on children ages 4 to 11.

MEDIAN ONSET AGE OF DISORDERS IN CHILDREN & YOUTH



INITIATIVE REACH

11,005

Children screened for adverse experiences through Evara Health to identify early needs and connect to support.

3,131

Visits occurred with a mental health therapist integrated within the pediatric practice; on average, children had three visits with a therapist over the one-year span.

2,422 *

Children were supported within the pediatric setting as a result of integrated services and care coordination.

1,248 *

Children had at least one mental health visit with a therapist integrated within the pediatric setting.

30

Medical providers from BayCare, Evara Health, Florida Department of Health in Pinellas, Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital, and North Pinellas Children's Medical Center received professional development by The REACH Institute's mini-fellowship.

* Unduplicated number of children

COLLECTIVE VISION

Devise and implement a children's mental health system of care to enhance public awareness and provide for an accessible, family-oriented, coordinated, comprehensive, and high-quality system supported by an engaged and skilled workforce.



1 in 5

Youth will experience a mental health condition in their lifetime



1 in 6

Children ages 2 to 8 have a mental, behavioral, or developmental disorder



1 in 4

Youth have considered suicide and/or have a plan

KEY STRATEGIES

Increase knowledge among pediatric providers in identifying and treating low-to-moderate mental health conditions.

Increase access by integrating behavioral health therapists into the pediatric setting and offering same-day appointments.

Launch a multidisciplinary Centralized Oversight Committee for patient case reviews to identify critical pathways and resources.

Shift the paradigm from an agency-specific focus to a population health management model to positively impact children.

INITIATIVE HIGHLIGHTS



Strengthened collaboration between pediatric practices and Pinellas County Schools to enhance care coordination; supporting school success and overall well-being.



Established a Technology Committee to optimize information exchange, reduce traumatization, and address social, economic, and environmental factors that affect a child's well-being.



Coordinated a series of trauma-informed trainings, including Motivational Interviewing, to enhance the knowledge and skill set of professionals who regularly interact with children and families.