

December 28, 2023

Governor Katie Hobbs
Office of the Governor
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona, 85007

Dear Governor Hobbs,

AHCCCS is providing a report of the Children’s Behavioral Health Services Fund, in accordance with ARS §36-3436.01, which requires:

The administration shall compile a report based on the surveys received from participating school districts and charter schools as well as utilization data for behavioral health services received pursuant to the children’s behavioral health services fund established by section 36-3436. On or before December 31 each year, the administration shall provide the report to the governor, the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives and provide a copy of the report to the secretary of state.

The report shall include at least all of the following information:

1. The number of students served.
2. The types of behavioral health services provided.
3. The costs of the behavioral health services provided.

During the reporting period, October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023, the total number of students referred for behavioral health services by schools was 9,808. Of those referrals, 1,032 students were referred for the Children’s Behavioral Health Services Fund (CBHSF), while the remaining 8,776 were eligible under other funding streams. The number of total referrals increased slightly during this reporting period, however the number of CBHSF referrals increased to 840 compared to 711 students during the last reporting period.

The Number of Students Served Under CBHSF

Month	Number of Students Served
October 2022	327
November 2022	432
December 2022	670
January 2023	596
February 2023	806
March 2023	908
April 2023	1023
May 2023	982

June 2023	1005
July 2023	833
August 2023	938
September 2023	875

Individuals may have received services over multiple months and therefore included in the count for each month in which they received services, while other individuals were transitioned from CBHSF to another funding source following assessment and further diagnosis. Not all individuals who are referred to the CBHSF receive services under the fund, as it is the payor of last resort, and most students are determined to be eligible for other funding sources. It should be noted that the following table for services provided under CBHSF may be incomplete due to a lag in provider claims reporting as providers have six months from the date of services to submit the claims for processing.

The Type and Cost of Behavioral Health Services Provided and Funded by CBHSF

Cost of Behavioral Health Services		
Service Description	Amount	% of total
Treatment Services (Assessment, Evaluation, and Psychotherapy)	\$1,901,210.98	55.34%
Rehabilitation Services	\$381,544.08	11.11%
Medical Services	\$71,868.36	2.09%
Support Services	\$25,988.54	0.76%
Peer Support Services	\$17,359.88	0.51%
Family Support Services	\$114,507.17	3.33%
Crisis Intervention Services	\$2,677.11	0.08%
Case Management Services	\$899,255.28	26.18%
Inpatient Services	\$0.00	0.00%
Detoxification Services	\$0.00	0.00%
Behavioral Health Residential Services	\$0.00	0.00%
Behavioral Health Day Program Services	\$0.00	0.00%
Transportation Services	\$7,223	0.21%
Pharmacy	\$13,739.63	0.40%
Total	\$3,435,374.03	100%

From October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2023, there were 31 surveys completed by parents or caregivers of individuals receiving services under the CBHSF; responses were received from 21 schools.


The average age of individuals served is 12 and ranges from 6 to 19 years old. Required survey elements include:

- Whether the parent opted into the program: 83% of parents reported being happy with the process for obtaining consent or opting-in to a referral for behavioral health services.
- Whether the parent was notified before the referral took place: 81% of parents reported being happy with how they were notified of the behavioral health referral.
- Whether the behavioral health services referred were appropriate to meet the student's need: 90% of parents reported being happy with the services their child received.
- Whether the parent is satisfied with the choice of behavioral health services providers: 87% of parents reported being happy with the choice of behavioral health service providers.
- Whether the parent intends to opt into a program again in the following school year: 97% of parents reported that they would consent to or opt-in to a referral for behavioral health services again in the future.

Each Arizona Complete Care Contractor with a Regional Behavioral Health Agreement (ACC-RBHA) receives the feedback for school districts in their geographic service area on a quarterly basis. AHCCCS and ACC-RBHAs actively address and monitor the survey feedback and reporting data in order to ensure provider expansion, fund usage, and active solutions of any potential concerns for referral pathways or access to care.

Please feel free to contact Megan Woods at Megan.Woods@azahcccs.gov or (602) 417-4086 if you have any questions about this report.

Sincerely,



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