

# Youth Behavioral Health

## Infant Mental Health

Infant Mental Health refers to the developing capacity of the child from birth to age 3 to experience, regulate (manage), and express emotions; form close and secure interpersonal relationships; and explore and master the environment and learn in the context of family, community, and culture. In essence, it is the development of social and emotional functioning of our youngest community members.

Data indicates that the majority of children entering the child welfare system are:

- Under the age of five
- Most of them are under age two
- Locally, there are currently over 950 children in out-of-home placement due to abuse or neglect.

In addition, maternal depression affects approximately 25% of mothers within weeks after delivering a child. The interaction between caregiver and child forms the basis of infant mental health. Child abuse and neglect, maternal depression, and parents' lack of knowledge of early child development are key areas of concern.

Programs such as Healthy Start and Healthy Families are valuable components to providing supportive, strength-based services to prevent abuse and neglect and help families form the core of positive mental health for their children through modeling, teaching, advocating, and connecting to services as needed.

Source: *The Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning, Vanderbilt University*

## Halifax Health Behavioral Services

Located in Daytona Beach, this comprehensive center provides psychiatric services for children and adolescents (ages 2-17) with emotional and behavior problems. The center offers a continuum of care in the most therapeutic, least restrictive environment. Services include:

- Intake and Assessment
- Crisis Stabilization
- Day Treatment Program
- Outpatient Therapy
- Targeted Case Management

Source: *Halifax Health Website*

## Child Health & Developmental Screening

In 2009-10:

- 3,894 children were screened with the *Ages and Stages* developmental screening questionnaire (Level I).
- Of the children screened, 390 were re-screened to confirm any concerns (Level II).
- Of those children re-screened, 327 received a Level III screen to do a more in-depth screening and referred for additional services.

Source: *Early Learning Coalition of Flagler & Volusia*

## Delinquency Referrals for Substance Use

### Number of Flagler Youths Referred for Delinquency for misdemeanor drug- and alcohol-related offenses

Offense	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Marijuana Misdemeanor	31	24	30	21	32
Drug Paraphernalia Offenses	2	1	1	1	3
Other Misdemeanor Drug	0	1	0	0	0
Possession of Alcohol	9	5	10	5	4
Other Alcohol Offenses	3	0	1	1	0

### Number of Flagler Youths Referred for Delinquency for felony drug-related offenses

Offense	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Felony Non-Marijuana Drug	15	16	11	17	11
Marijuana Felony	4	6	5	3	7

### Number of Volusia Youths Referred for Delinquency for misdemeanor drug- and alcohol-related offenses

Offense	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Marijuana Misdemeanor	291	249	244	175	187
Drug Paraphernalia Offenses	43	38	32	34	30
Other Misdemeanor Drug	0	5	6	1	3
Possession of Alcohol	65	53	44	19	18
Other Alcohol Offenses	0	5	1	1	3

### Number of Volusia Youths Referred for Delinquency for felony drug-related offenses

Offense	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Felony Non-Marijuana Drug	88	89	71	67	78
Marijuana Felony	48	38	24	18	28

Source: *DJJ Profile, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice*

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## Teen Court

Teen Court is a nationally acclaimed diversion program designed to divert less serious cases from the more formal juvenile court process. Teen Court uses “positive peer pressure” and other appropriate sanctions to show youthful offenders the consequences of breaking the law and the benefits of positive, constructive behavior. Teen Court also provides student volunteers with valuable experience to act as prosecutors, defense counsel, clerks, bailiffs and jurors. Through its volunteer program, Teen Court offers young people the opportunity to get involved with their communities. In 2010, Teen Court had many successes:

### Flagler County

- A total of 130 cases were diverted to and 114 cases were completed (cases are carried over from year to year).
- The top two reasons for referrals were theft and possession of cannabis under 20 grams/or paraphernalia.
- Clients performed 2,737 hours of community service.

### Volusia County

- A total of 837 cases were referred to and 631 cases were completed (cases are carried over from year to year).
- The top two reasons for referrals were theft and possession of cannabis under 20 grams/or paraphernalia.
- Clients performed a total of 32,740 community service hours and served on 2,733 juries (8,199 hours).
- Students volunteered 3,978 hours to the Teen Court program.
- Attorneys volunteered 516 hours to the Teen Court program.
- Other community members volunteered 314 hours of their time.

Source: Seventh Judicial Circuit Teen Court Programs

## School Safety

The Florida Department of Education collects data annually on 22 incidents of crime, violence, and other serious offenses. The School Environmental Safety Incident Report (SESIR) collects incident data that occurs on school grounds, school transportation, and at off-campus, school-sponsored events. Reported in 2007-08:

Top Three Incidents (per 1,000 students)	Flagler	Volusia
Alcohol, Tobacco, Other Drugs	3.69	7.52
Property Offenses (i.e., larceny)	2.12	
Harassment (i.e., threats, bullying)	1.33	4.38
Fighting		8.61

In each county, approximately 97% of incidents were during school hours and over 93% were on school grounds. In 2007-08, incidents resulted in the following actions:

Disciplinary Action (% of total students)	Flagler	Volusia
In-School Suspension	13.79	14.48
Out-of-School Suspension	7.53	9.51
Expulsion	0.00	0.00

Although the SESIR system has been nationally recognized by the National Center for Education Statistics, data reporting continues to be based on subjective decisions and interpretations made by administrators at the school level. Thus, caution must be exercised in the interpretation and application of SESIR data.

Source: Florida Department of Education

## Youth Substance Use

The table below displays the percentage of youth who reported in 2010 having used any of the individual various drug listed in their lifetime.

Drugs Used in Lifetime	Flagler	Volusia	Florida
Alcohol	55.1	53.3	51.5
Cigarettes	29.2	27.1	25.9
Marijuana or Hashish	24.4	27.7	23.8
Inhalants	9.3	10.5	10.0
Club Drugs	2.6	5.3	3.7
LSD, PCP or Mushrooms	2.5	6.6	3.9
Methamphetamine	1.2	1.8	1.3
Cocaine or Crack Cocaine	2.6	3.5	2.9
Heroin	0.7	1.5	1.0
Depressants	6.6	8.1	5.8
Prescription Pain Relievers	7.0	9.2	7.4
Prescription Amphetamines	4.1	3.8	3.6
Steroids (without a doctor's order)	0.2	1.1	0.8
Over-the-Counter Drugs	7.4	7.3	6.6
Combinations of Drugs Used in Lifetime			
Any illicit drug	33.2	35.5	33.0
Any illicit drug other than marijuana	20.4	22.1	21.0
Alcohol only	25.9	22.0	23.4
Alcohol or any illicit drug	58.9	57.5	56.3
Any illicit drug, but no alcohol	4.0	4.3	4.9

Source: Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey 2010