

Mental Health Services *October 17, 2011*

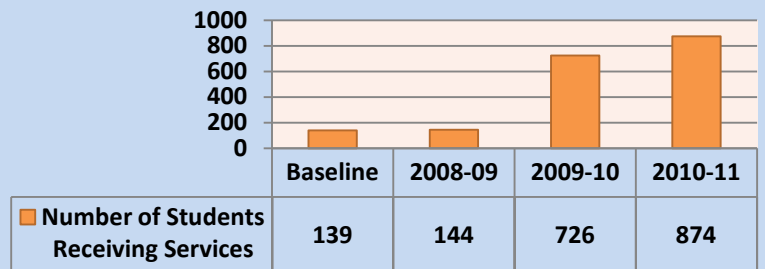
The Safe Schools Healthy Students (SSHS) Initiative has two core goals related to mental health services: (1) Increase the number of students who receive school-based mental health services, and (2) Increase the percent of students referred for community mental health services that result in services being provided. Both goals have been achieved, as shown by increases from baseline (2007-2008) to the third year of the grant (2010-2011).

Through the SSHS grant, three mental health case managers are employed through Southwestern Healthcare, Inc., and 13 school social workers are employed through Youth First, Inc. (9 funded by the SS/HS and 4 through other funding sources). Generally, case managers assist in coordinating resources between the school and Southwestern Healthcare, while social workers provide individual or group-level student support.

Goal: Increase the number of students receiving school-based mental health services

More than **6 times** as many students received school-based mental health services in 2010-2011 compared to baseline. Services are defined as students receiving support from a school social worker or case manager for two or more times where informed consent from a parent/guardian is obtained.

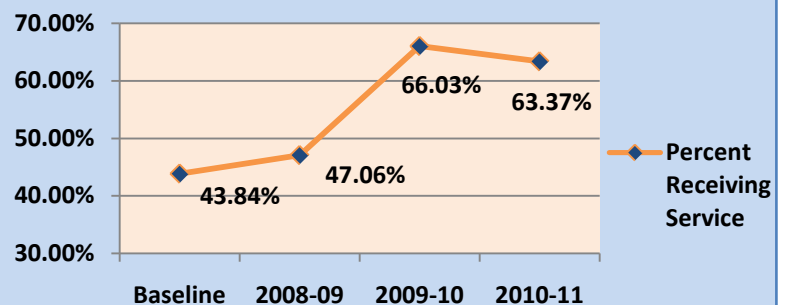
Figure 1. Number of Students Receiving School-Based Mental Health Services



Goal: Increase the percent of students referred for mental health services resulting in services being provided

In 2010-2011, there was a **44.57%** increase from baseline in the percentage of students referred for community mental health services who actually received services.

Figure 2. Percent of Students Referred for Services who Receive Services



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