





Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine

# Help is Here: State-Funded Texas Programs Address Youth Mental Health Crisis

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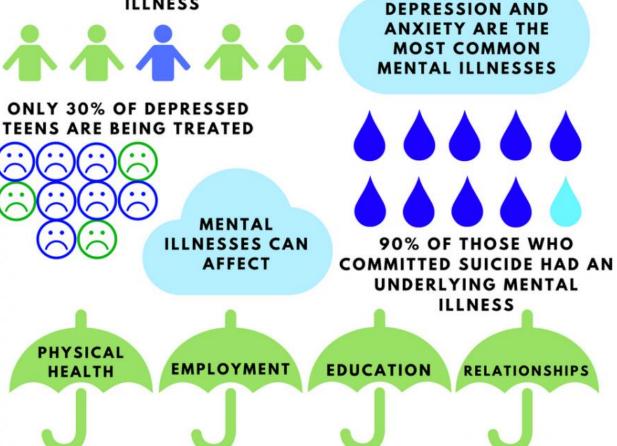
- Discuss percentage of youth with
- 2. Review allocation of child psychiatrists in Texas
  - **Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium: Texas**
- 4. Review AAP recommendations for pediatrician management of mild to moderate mental
- 5. Review data regarding statewide collaborative care
- 6. Describe Texas Child Psychiatry Access Network
  - **Describe Texas Child Health Access Through**

# PERCENTAGE OF YOUTH WITH MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS

## DID YOU KNOW?

1 IN 5 CHILDREN FROM THE AGES 13-18 WILL LIVE WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS

According to NAMI and psychcentral



### Suicide Among Youth and Young Adults: What Pediatricians Should Know

Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death among US youth and young adults, ages 15-24

Heron, M. Deaths: Leading Causes for 2017. National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 68(6). Hyattsville, MD. National Center for Health Statistics, 2019.

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CDC National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. WISQARS Fatal Injury Reports. Accessed from: https://webappa.cdc.gov/sasweb/ncipc/mortrate.html





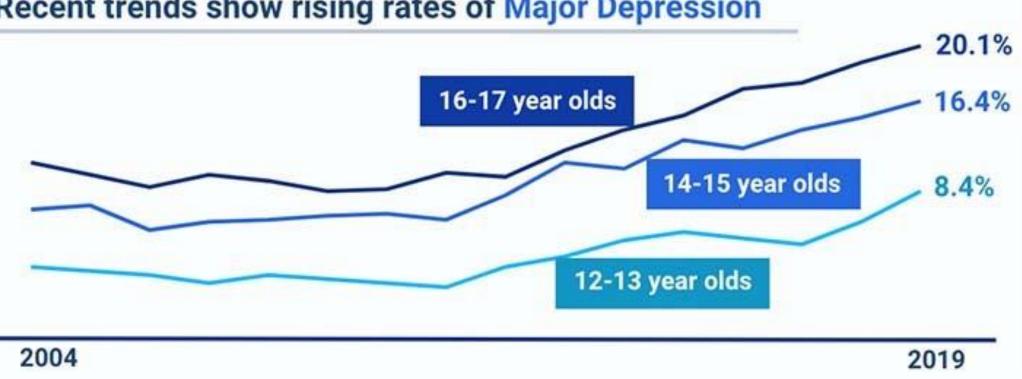
**75%** of all mental illnesses develop by age 24

### Before the pandemic, up to 1 in 5 children had a diagnosed mental health disorder

Common mental illnesses among young people are

anxiety & depression

#### Recent trends show rising rates of Major Depression











Increase in depression for children aged 12-17 between 2004 & 2019

#### Impact of the pandemic on children's mental health

#### The pandemic has created a perfect storm of stressors for children and youth and experts warn that it may negatively impact mental health



Barriers to Care:

- Uncertainty
- Social isolation
- School closures
- Familial challenges & economic instability
- Losing a family member to COVID-19
- delayed pediatric care

The share of mental health-related ED visits among all pediatric visits increased between mid-March and October 2020 compared to the same period in 2019





 Lack of internet or technology limiting telehealth access Fewer mental health screenings due to school closures &

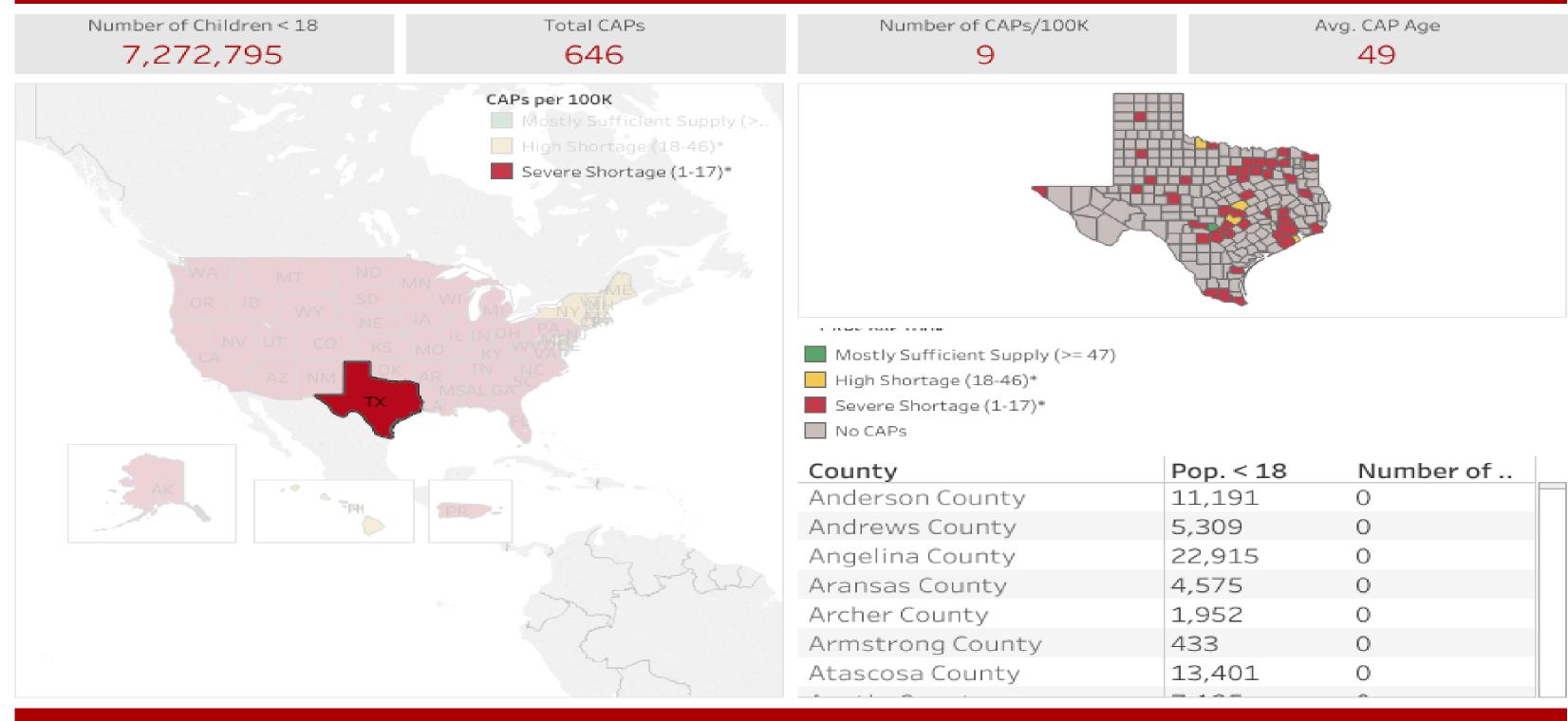
> 31% among adolescents aged 12-17 years

> > NIHCM Data May 2021

# **Allocation of Child Psychiatrists in Texas**

#### Practicing Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists

Select a state for county population and workforce data



https://www.aacap.org/aacap/Advocacy/Federal\_and\_State\_Initiatives/Workforce\_Maps/Home.aspx

### Texas

\* Hover for Data Source

	Pop. < 18	Number of
ounty	11,191	0
ounty	5,309	0
unty	22,915	0
unty	4,575	0
nty	1,952	0
County	433	0
ounty	13,401	0
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### TEXAS CHILD MENTAL HEALTH CARE CONSORTIUM

#### Vision:

All Texas children and adolescents will have the best mental health outcomes possible.

### SB 11-86th legislature

Leverage health-related institutions of higher education to improve mental health care for children and adolescents.





# INITIATIVES

- Child Psychiatry Access
  Network (CPAN)
- Texas Child Health Access
  Through Telemedicine
  (TCHATT)
- Community Psychiatry
  Workforce Expansion
- Child and Adolescent
  Psychiatry Fellowship
- Research





#### **Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium**

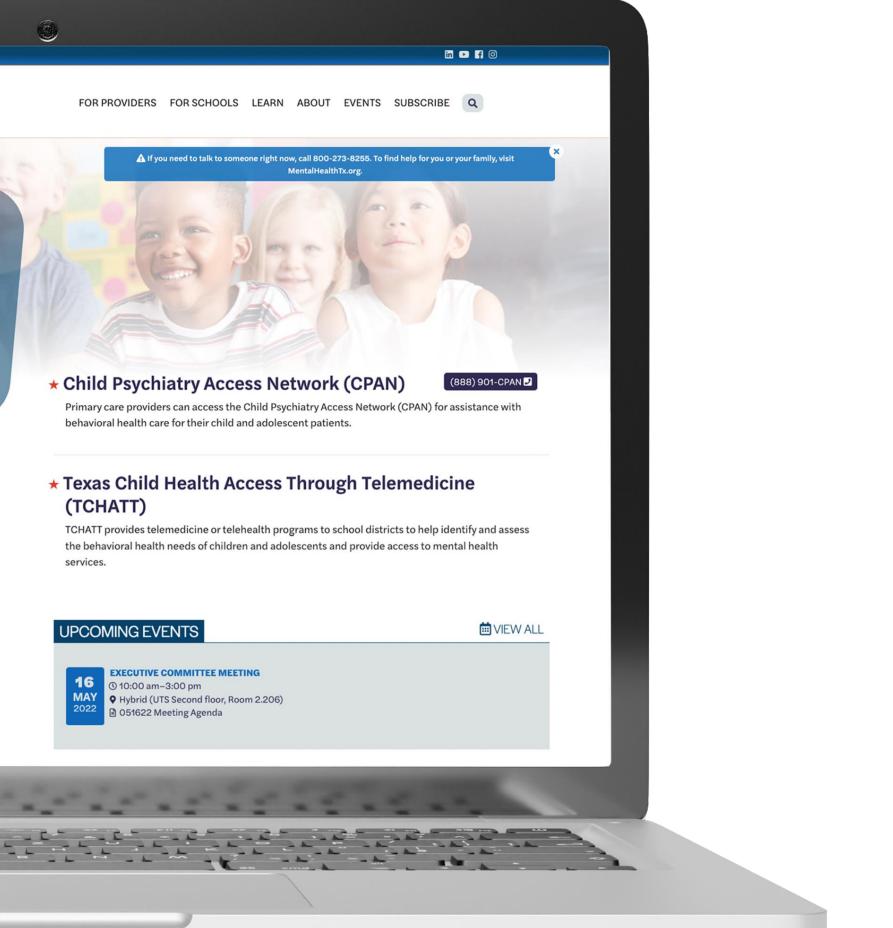
Improving mental health care and systems of care for the children and adolescents of Texas.

#### Who We Are

The Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium (TCMHCC) was created by the 86th Texas Legislature to leverage the expertise and capacity of the health-related institutions of higher education to address urgent mental health challenges and improve the mental health care system in this state in relation to children and adolescents.

#### TCMHCC has Five Initiatives:

- \* The Child Psychiatry Access Network (CPAN) provides telehealthbased consultation and training to primary care providers. Learn More
- \* The Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine (TCHATT) program provides in-school behavioral telehealth care to at-risk children and adolescents. Learn More
- \* The research initiative has created two state-wide networks to study and improve the delivery of child and adolescent mental health services in Texas. Learn More
- \* The Community Psychiatry Workforce Expansion (CPWE) funds full-time academic psychiatrists as academic medical directors sychiatric resident rotation positions at fa

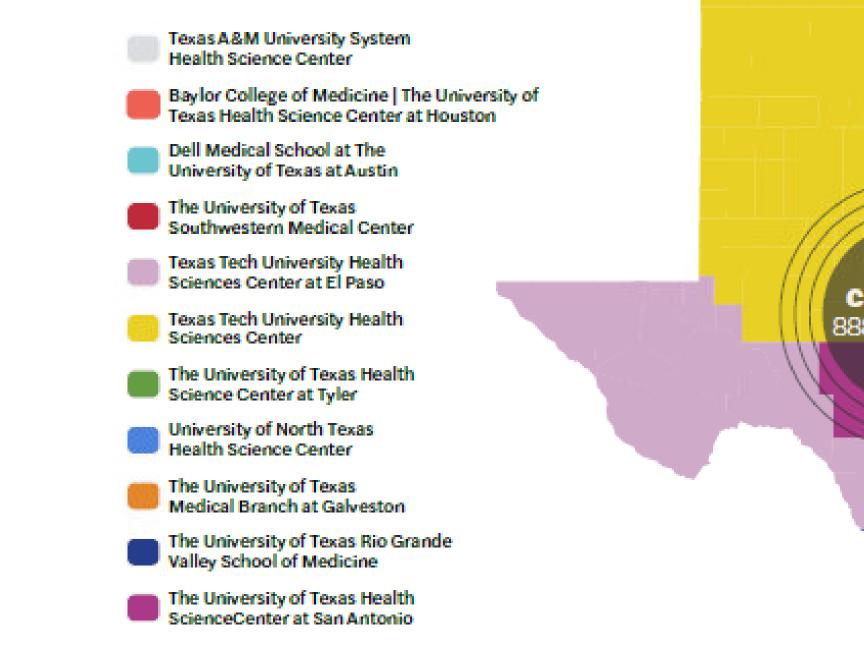






https://www.utsystem.edu/pophealth/tcmhcc/

# **Child Psychiatry Access Network (CPAN)**







**Central Hub** 888 901-CPAN (2726)

# TO SAVE THE DAY WE WILL NEED...

- **1.** Task shifting
  - Promotion of mental wellness
  - Early identification (screening)
  - First-line care
  - Targeted brief interventions, counseling for problems
- **2.** Collaborative care



#### Primary providers to the rescue



Wissow et al, 2016

# AAP MENTAL HEALTH COMPETENCIES

### Clinical skills

- Primary prevention
- Secondary prevention
- Assessment
- Treatment

### Practice enhancement

- Establish collaborative and consultative relationships (within practice, virtually, or off-site)
- Build practice team culture around a shared commitment to embrace mental health care as integral to the practice
- Establish systems within the practice (and network) to support mental health services

AAP, 2019

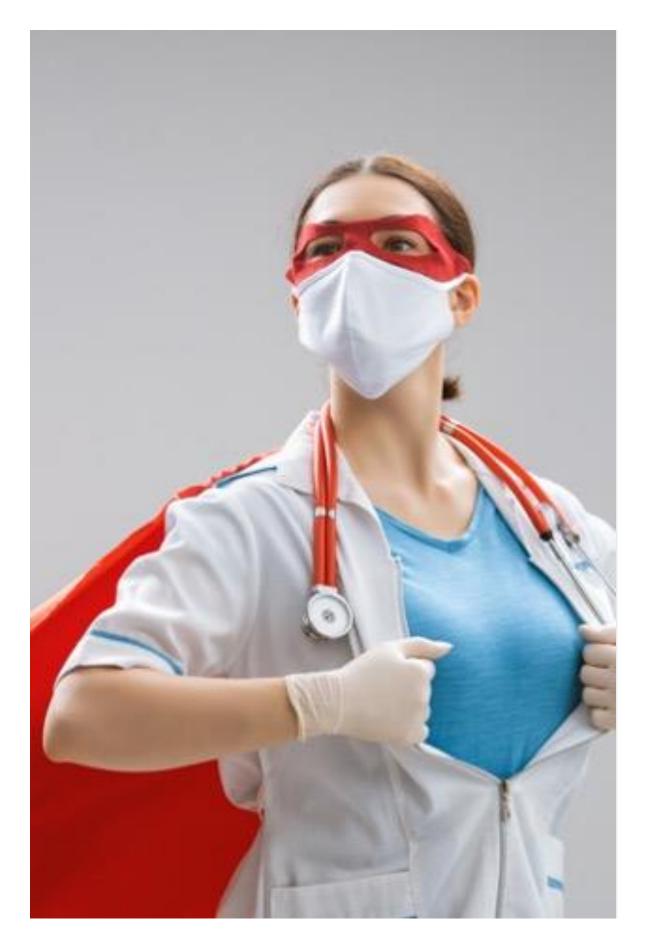
## WHY MH CARE IN PRIMARY CARE?

- Burden of mental disorders is great
- Mental, physical health problems are interwoven
- Treatment gap for mental disorders is enormous
- Primary care settings for mental health services
  enhance access
- Delivering mental health services in primary care settings reduces stigma and discrimination
- Treating common mental disorders in PC settings
  is cost-effective
- Majority of people with mental disorders treated in collaborative primary care have good outcomes



# **BARRIERS (KRYPTONITE)**

- Lack of mental health training
- Insufficient time
- Lack of knowledge about mental health resources
- Lack of evidence-based treatments for "problems"
- Poor referral feedback from MH clinicians
- Inadequate reimbursement
- Psychosocial risks/stressors (SDoH, ACEs)
- Mental illness versus wellness
- Mental health attitudes, stigma



Wissow et al, 2016

# **INTEGRATION BASED ON NEEDS**

### **QUADRANT II**

Served in primary care and specialty mental health settings:

- PCP
- BH case manager
- Specialty BH provider(s) (Ex: Bipolar disorder and chronic constipation)

### **QUADRANT**

Served in primary care settings:

- **PCP**
- PC-based BH provider
- (Ex: Mild depression and asthma)

### **QUADRANT IV**

settings

- PCP
- BH case manager
- Specialty BH provider(s)
- Care/disease manager

### **QUADRANT III**

- Served in primary care settings: PCP
- **Care/disease manager**

AL HEALTH RISKS/COMPLEXITY → High

Low  $\rightarrow P$ 



Served in primary care and specialty mental health

 Specialty medical/surgical providers (Ex: Schizophrenia, metabolic & seizure d/o)

**PC-based BH provider (or in specialty setting) Specialty medical/surgical providers** (Ex: Moderate depression, uncontrolled diabetes)

Collins, 2010; Gerrity, 2016; Mauer, 2006

- 1. Massachusetts has the longest standing state program in the country (>17 years)
- 2. <u>https://www.mcpap.com/</u>
- 3. Several studies indicate that MCPAP is well received by PCPs and Families
- 4. T-CPAN is closely modeled after the MCPAP program







- Enhanced ability to deliver mental health consistent with family preferences
- 2. PCP applied knowledge gained in previous calls to subsequent patients
  - Engagement through other learning processes can help increase PCP utilization of the service
  - High rates of parent satisfaction with PCP who utilize the service
- 5. Further strengthened PCP relationship with families

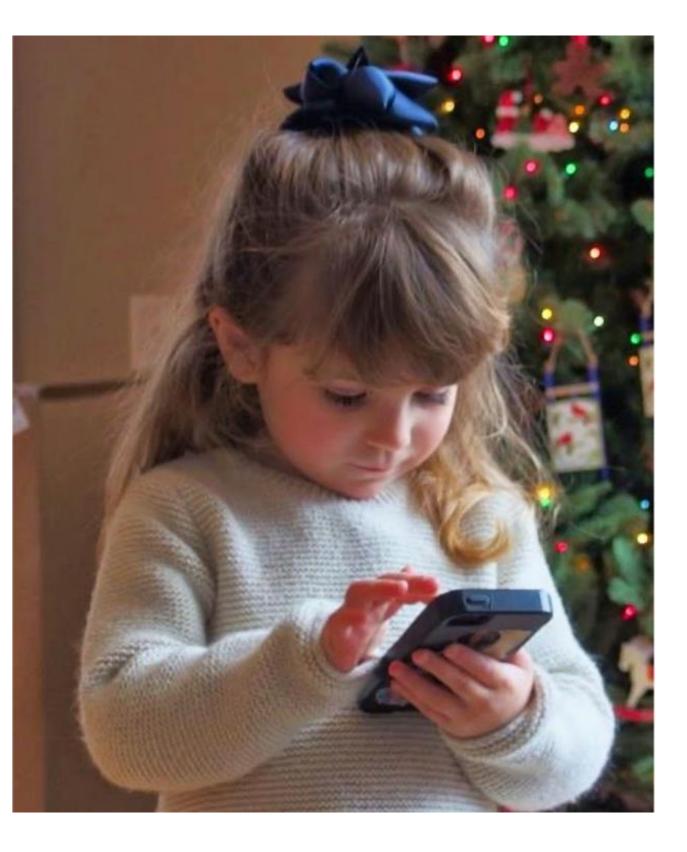
- 1. All PCP in Texas (Pediatricians, Family Docs, PA, NPs) will be invited to enroll
- 2. No Cost to PCPs or Patients
- 3. CPAN Enrollment for PCPs (Ability to do group practice enrollments)
- 4. Name
- 5. Phone number, email, fax
- 6. Clinic Location
- 7. To protect patient confidentiality our team cross checks (repeat calls on the same patient)



- Enrollment can be done BEFORE you call OR with the first call
- Each Regional CPAN Hub will offer additional educational activities outside of "the Call"
  - 1. ECHO Team Based Learning
  - 2. Webinars
  - **3**. Best Practices Algorithms
- T-CPAN website is under construction but will be similar in scope to the MCPAP

# **TOLL FREE 1 (888) 901-CPAN**





CPAN is 3 SERVICES in 1 Team, 1 Phone Call

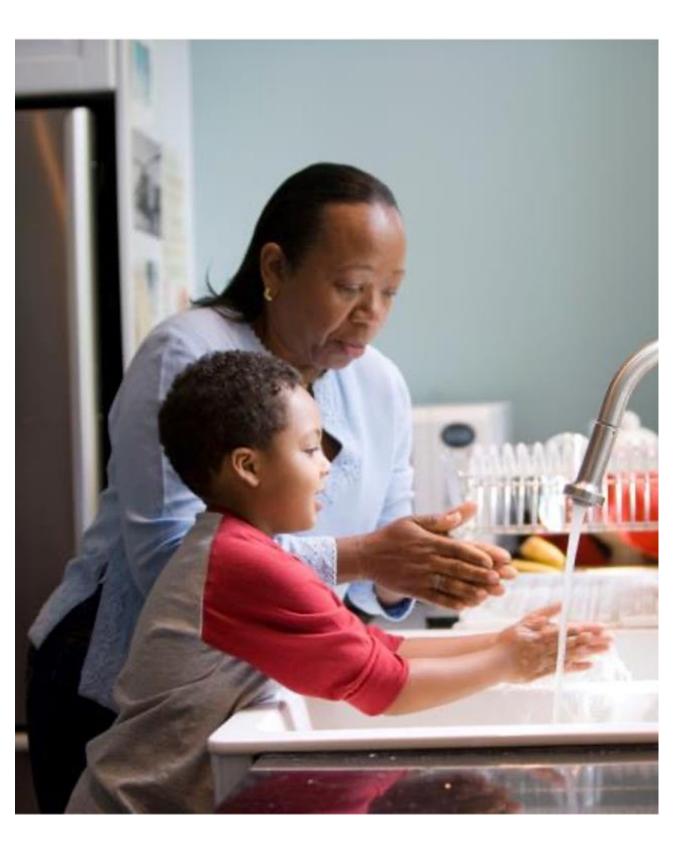
- 1. Resource and Referral Assistance
- 2. Behavioral Planning for Youth in the care of the PCP
- 3. Educational Psychiatric Consultation in Real Time with a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist

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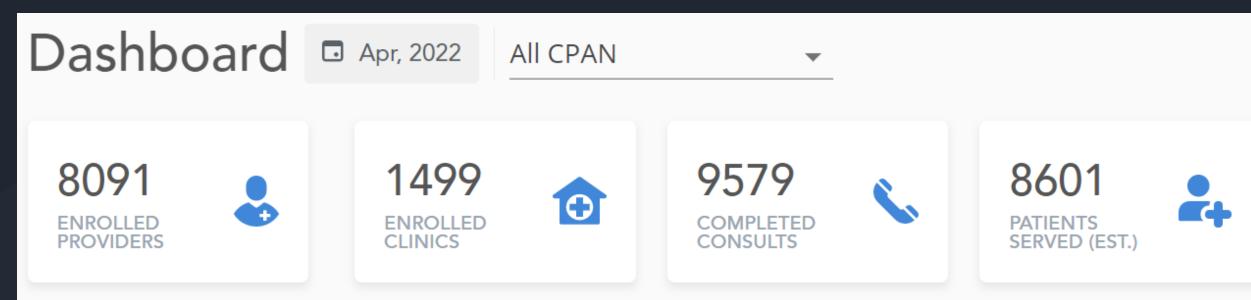




- 1. Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- 2. Phone call answered within 5 minutes or less
- 3. Call Triaged to determine which of the 3 routes the PCP is needing
  - Some elements of PHI will be asked- needed often for assistance with referrals in particular
  - PCP can decline to provide
  - Use of Clinic MRN without other elements is a SECURE method and allows for the CPAN team to locate patient again, if needed.
- 4. Resources and Referral Assistance can help close the loop on locating mental health services in your area
- 5. Real time behavioral planning
- 6. Return call from CAP within 30 minutes to consult on:
  - 1. Assessment
  - 2. Diagnosis
  - 3. Treatment Planning including Medications, Labs, Therapies



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# **CPAN By The** Numbers:

- Data from the Trayt system
- From May 2020 to April 2022
- residents and fellows

98.2% RESPONSE WITHIN 30 MIN



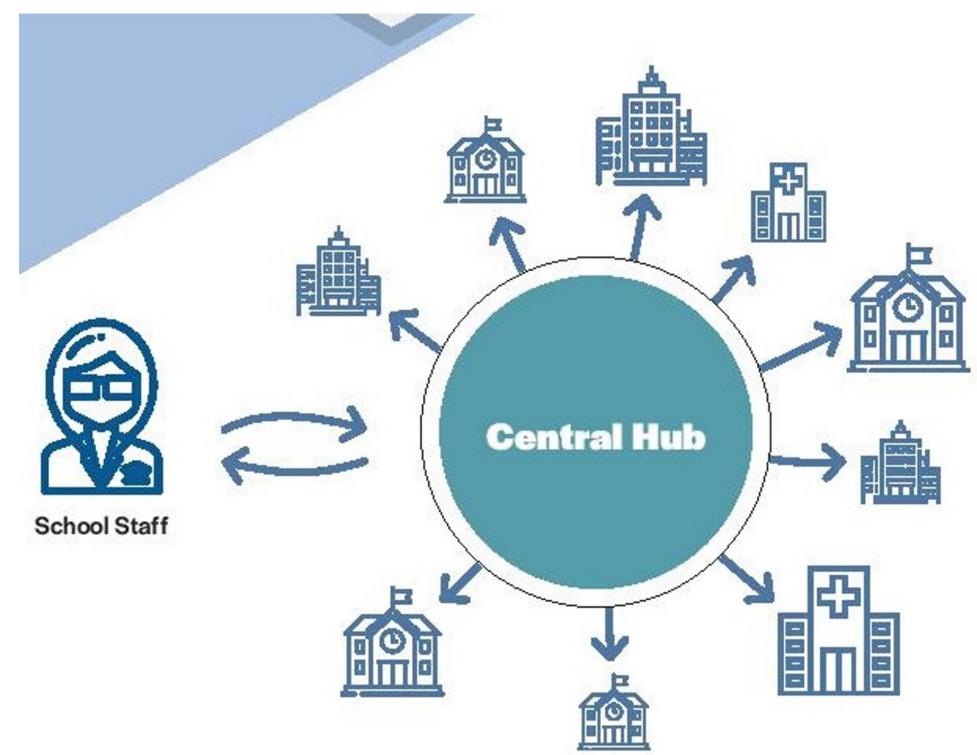


• Enrolled providers include PCP, NPs, Pas,

• State metric to for child psychiatrist to return PCP call within 30 minutes if directed to (goal =90%)

## **TEXAS CHILD ACCESS THROUGH TELEMEDICINE** (TCHATT)

- Direct telepsychiatry or counseling to students at schools
- Educational and training materials for school staff
- State-wide data management system







## **TEXAS CHILD HEALTH ACCESS THRU TELEMEDICINE (TCHATT)**

- 1. Where are kids during the day?
- 2. Where are parents during the day?
- 3. Urban vs. Rural: Needs Assessment
- 4. Remember the information about mental health and providers?

TCHATT can be part of the TEXAS Solution to:

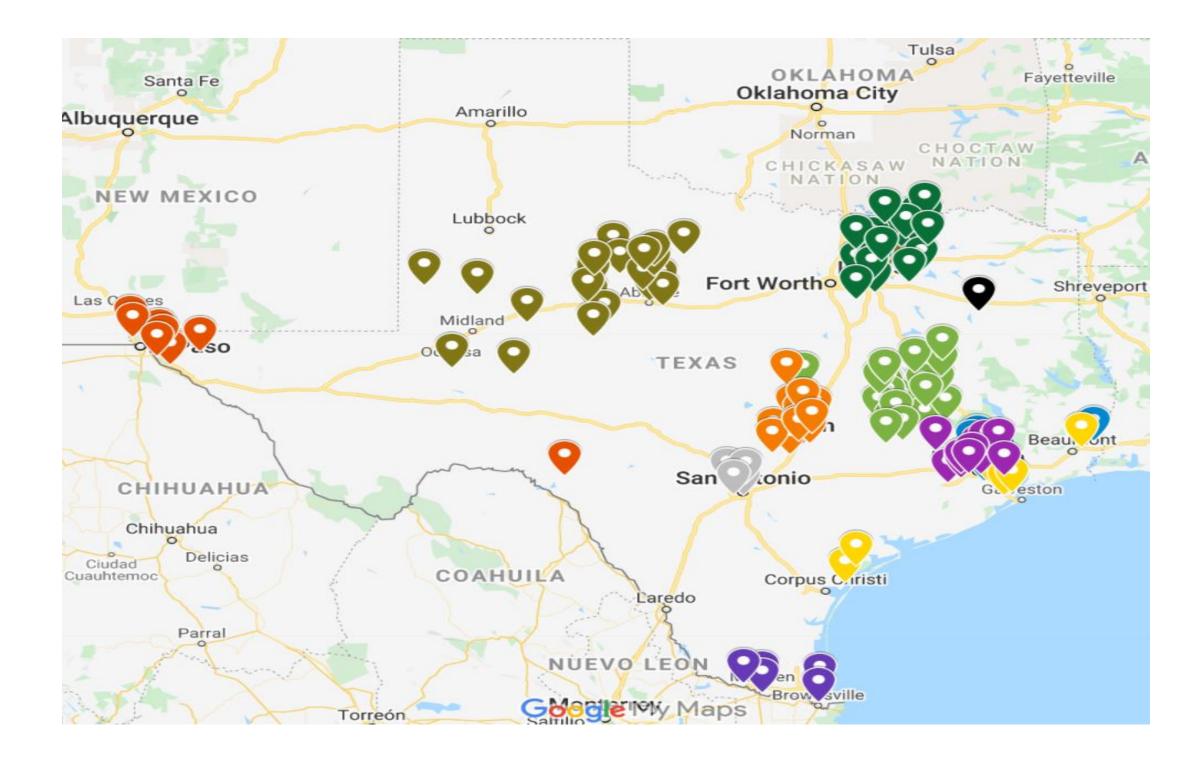
- 1. Timely
- 2. Evidenced Informed
- 3. Patient Centered
- 4. Partnership with PCPs, Schools And local Care Teams

MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS and Short Term Care





# https://tcmhcc.utsystem.edu/tchatt/ **Consortium Map**







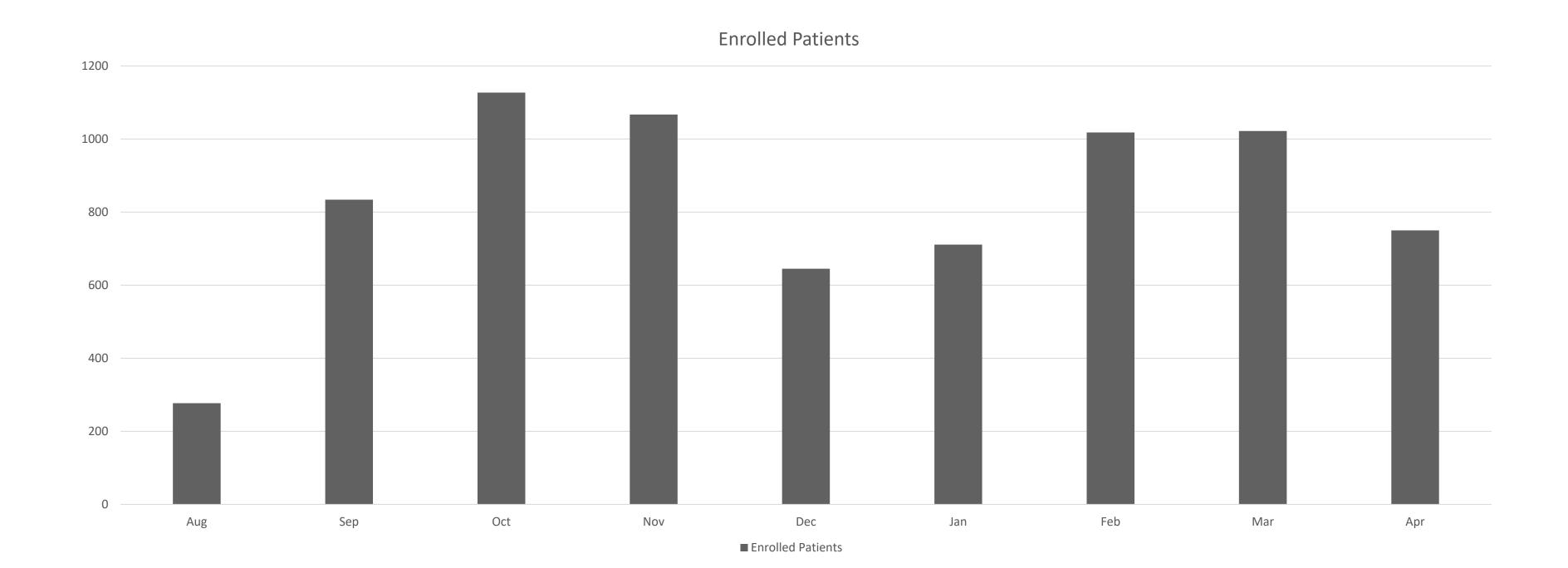
### **TEXAS CHILD HEALTH ACCESS THROUGH TELEMEDICINE (TCHATT)**

- 1. Each HRI is partnering with the Regional TEA ESC
- 2. HRI teams consist of: Psychologists, LCSW/LPC, Child Psychiatrists
- 3. State-wide using a patient platform for engagement and data collection: Trayt (English and Spanish Versions)
- Each youth will receive an assessment by the HRI team and then up to four visits dependent on the outcome of the assessment
- 5. Teams will plan to engage family PCP at initiation of services
- 6. Aftercare planning will work to locate services that may include CPAN, LMHAs, School resources, and other Local Care Providers- NO DUPICATION OF SERVICES!

## **COORDINATE and COLLABORATE**



# Preliminary TCHATT Enrolled Patients: August 2021-April 2022 Total: 7,451\*





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# **Child Psychiatry Access Network (CPAN)**

FACEBOOK Name: Texas Child Psychiatric Access Network (CPAN) **Username: @TexasCPAN** Link: https://www.facebook.com/TexasCPAN/

> LinkedIn https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12460439/

> WATCH a 3-minute version of this TALK! https://youtu.be/DIPgAhkY8dk













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