

# PL Survey, Version 3 – PMHCA

# **Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program Practice-Level Survey**

**Health Resources and Services and Administration Evaluation of the  
Maternal and Child Health Bureau Pediatric Mental Health Care  
Access and Screening and Treatment for Maternal Mental Health and  
Substance Use Disorders Programs Project**

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The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) funded [insert location] to implement a Pediatric Mental Health Care Access (PMHCA) program, [insert program name]. HRSA also funded JBS International, Inc. (JBS) to conduct an evaluation of the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) PMHCA program (hereafter referred to as the HRSA MCHB evaluation). JBS is an independent evaluator of the program and is not part of HRSA or any other federal agency.

**Survey Purpose:** As part of the HRSA MCHB evaluation, we are conducting a survey of practices that have health professionals who are enrolled/participating in [insert location]'s HRSA PMHCA program. The survey is designed to collect information on your practice's experiences with the PMHCA program (e.g., assessing and treating behavioral health conditions, accessing behavioral health care services for your practice's patients, and capacity to address behavioral health conditions) and assist HRSA in future program implementation.

**Survey Instructions:** This online survey should take less than twenty (20) minutes for you to complete. Please answer based on your current practice and understanding (you are not required to review data to answer the questions), unless otherwise indicated. There are no right or wrong answers to the survey questions. Please note that your responses will remain private and are voluntary. Survey results will be reported to HRSA in the aggregate, and no identifying information will appear in the evaluation reports without your prior approval. No identifiable data will be provided to HRSA.

**About Your [location's] Program:** Each [location's] **PMHCA program** includes providing clinical behavioral health consultation and care coordination; enrolling health professionals, such as yourself into the PMHCA program; and providing training on how to consult with the PMHCA clinical behavioral health consultation service in your state and/or to provide behavioral health care in your practice.

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Please create a Unique Identifier for your survey to maintain the privacy of your responses and to allow us to match your future survey responses.

***How to Create Your Practice's Unique Identifier:*** Use your state abbreviation, last three digits of your practice's ZIP code, and first two letters of your practice name. For example, for the Good Health practice located in Ohio in the ZIP Code 44101, the Unique Identifier would be OH101GO.

Email address used for receiving communication from [insert program name]:

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Note: Email addresses will only be used to confirm enrollment in the program and to track survey administration and completion.

**Helpful Terminology: For the Purposes of This Survey:**

- **Behavioral health encompasses mental health and substance use disorders.**
- **Staff refers to all staff in your practice, not just physicians.**
- **Health professional refers to pediatricians, family physicians, physician assistants, advanced practice nurses/nurse practitioners, licensed practical nurses, registered nurses, counselors, social workers, medical assistants, patient care navigators, etc.**
- **Behavioral health consultation refers to tele-consultation service provided by a program's team of behavioral health experts for advising health professionals on providing behavioral health care.**
- **Care coordination support refers to a program service providing resources and referrals to a provider when they contact the program, or to the patient/family when the program works with patients/families directly.**

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES**

1. Does your practice screen for behavioral health conditions among pediatric patients?
  - o Yes (If yes, go to question 1a.)
  - o No (If no, go to question 4.)
  - o Question 1a: If yes, when does your practice screen for behavioral health conditions? *Select all that apply.*
    - Well-Child/Health maintenance visits
    - New patients
    - Provider discretion
    - Patient complaint
    - Other (*Specify.*)
  
2. What behavioral health screening tool(s) are used in your practice? *Select all that apply.*
  - o ACE Screening Tool
  - o ASQ: SE-2
  - o CRAFFT
  - o EPSDT
  - o GAD-7
  - o NICHQ Vanderbilt Assessment Scales
  - o PSC-17
  - o PHQ-2
  - o PHQ-9/PHQ-9 modified/PHQ-A
  - o SCARED
  - o SWYC
  - o Other (*Specify.*)
  
3. Which staff administer behavioral health screening tools in your practice? *Select all that apply.*
  - o Pediatricians
  - o Family physicians
  - o Physician assistants
  - o Advanced practice nurses/Nurse practitioners
  - o Licensed practical nurses
  - o Registered nurses

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- Counselors
  - Social workers
  - Medical assistants
  - Patient care navigators
  - Not applicable – self-administered by caregiver/youth
  - Other (*Specify.*)
4. In the last 12 months, what changes has your practice made as a result of enrolling/participating in your [location's] PMHCA program? *Select all that apply.*
- Screen more patients
  - Adopt screening instrument(s)
  - Refer more patients to specialty behavioral health treatment
  - Provide behavioral health treatment (e.g., counseling, medication) in your practice
  - Coordinate care with behavioral health clinicians
  - Build professional relationship(s) with community-based service providers
  - Refer more patients to community-based service providers
  - Provide more information or resources to patients/families
  - No changes have been made
5. In the last 12 months, as a result of your [location's] PMHCA program, more pediatric patients of your practice are...

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
<b>Screened</b> for behavioral health conditions	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Referred</b> for behavioral health conditions	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Treated</b> for behavioral health conditions	0	0	0	0	0	0

## PRACTICE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CAPACITY

6. In the last 12 months, approximately what percentage of pediatric patients was seen for a behavioral health concern related to a behavioral health condition?
- [PROGRAM AS PERCENTAGE SLIDER]
7. In the last 12 months, approximately what percentage of pediatric patients received treatment for a behavioral health condition by one or more health professionals in your practice?
- [PROGRAM AS PERCENTAGE SLIDER]
8. In the last 12 months, approximately what percentage of pediatric patients was referred for a behavioral health condition by your practice?
- [PROGRAM AS PERCENTAGE SLIDER]

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9. My practice has a structured process in place to follow-up with patients to confirm whether they accessed a referral for behavioral health services.
- Strongly Disagree
  - Disagree
  - Neither Agree nor Disagree
  - Agree
  - Strongly Agree
10. To what extent are behavioral health professional services integrated into your practice?
- Not at All
  - Provided at a Co-Location
  - Integrated Directly Into the Practice
11. As a result of participating in my [location's] PMHCA program, my practice is better able to meet the needs of pediatric patients with behavioral health conditions.
- Strongly Disagree
  - Disagree
  - Neither Agree nor Disagree
  - Agree
  - Strongly Agree
12. As a result of participating in my [location's] PMHCA program, the continuum of care available for pediatric patients with behavioral health conditions at my practice has improved.
- Strongly Disagree
  - Disagree
  - Neither Agree nor Disagree
  - Agree
  - Strongly Agree
13. Practice staff access the PMHCA clinical behavioral health consultation service via:  
(Select all that apply.)
- Email
  - Telephone (terrestrial and/or wireless communications)
  - Text messaging
  - Video conferencing
  - Other (Specify.)
14. How easy was it for your practice to incorporate these telehealth mechanism(s) listed above for consulting with the PMHCA clinical behavioral health consultation service?

	Very Difficult	Difficult	Neutral	Easy	Very Easy
Email	0	0	0	0	0
Telephone (terrestrial and/or wireless communications)	0	0	0	0	0
Text messaging	0	0	0	0	0

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Video conferencing	0	0	0	0	0
Other (Specify.)	0	0	0	0	0

15. As a result of participating in my [location's] PMHCA program, my practice is better able to utilize telehealth services to support patients' access to behavioral health care.
- Strongly Disagree
  - Disagree
  - Neither Agree nor Disagree
  - Agree
  - Strongly Agree

## COMMUNITY LINKAGES

16. How does your practice identify community resources (e.g., counseling, substance use treatment, child care, employment, food programs, housing support) to link your patients to? *Select all that apply.*
- The PMHCA program facilitates relationships with community resources.
  - The practice is approached by service providers in the community.
  - Health professionals or staff at the practice build professional relationships with community service providers.
  - Community coalitions or governmental entities facilitate relationships with community resources.
  - Other (Specify.)
17. As a result of your [location's] PMHCA program, with which of the following types of community resources, programs, or services has your practice established relationships to support the behavioral health of pediatric patients and their caregivers. *Select all that apply.*
- Counseling
  - Substance use treatment
  - Child care
  - Employment/job-seeking training
  - Food programs
  - Housing support
  - Parenting support
  - Support groups
  - Transportation support
  - Education support
  - Other (Specify.)
18. With what percentage of these community resources did your practice establish memoranda of understanding?
- [PROGRAM AS PERCENTAGE SLIDER]

## PRACTICE OPERATIONS

19. What additional costs, if any, have been incurred by the practice because of changes related to behavioral health care for pediatric patients?



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- o [OPEN-ENDED RESPONSE]
20. How does your practice expect to cover these costs?
- o [OPEN-ENDED RESPONSE]
21. Which one factor **did you expect** would be most challenging in **implementing** screening, assessment, and treatment for behavioral health conditions in your practice? *Select one.*
- o Insufficient time
  - o Health professional/Staff acceptance
  - o Communication and coordination
  - o Institutional policies
  - o Leadership and support from a champion
  - o Staffing
  - o Reimbursement by payers
  - o Telehealth technology
  - o Workflow
  - o Addressing social determinants of health (SDOH)-related needs
  - o Staff knowledge and skills
  - o Impact of public health emergency (e.g., COVID-19)
  - o Other (*Specify.*)
22. Which one factor **actually presented** the greatest challenge to **implementing** screening, assessment, and treatment of behavioral health conditions in your practice? *Select one.*
- o Insufficient time
  - o Health professional/Staff acceptance
  - o Communication and coordination
  - o Institutional policies
  - o Leadership and support from a champion
  - o Staffing
  - o Reimbursement by payers
  - o Telehealth technology
  - o Workflow
  - o Addressing SDOH-related needs
  - o Staff knowledge and skills
  - o Impact of public health emergency (e.g., COVID-19)
  - o Other (*Specify.*)
23. Which one factor **do you expect** will be most challenging in **sustaining** screening, assessment, and treatment for behavioral health conditions in your practice when HRSA MCHB PMHCA grant-funded support is no longer available? *Select one.*
- o Insufficient time
  - o Health professional/Staff acceptance
  - o Communication and coordination
  - o Institutional policies
  - o Leadership and support from a champion
  - o Staffing
  - o Reimbursement by payers

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- Telehealth technology
  - Workflow
  - Addressing SDOH-related needs
  - Staff knowledge and skills
  - Impact of public health emergency (e.g., COVID-19)
  - Other (*Specify.*)
24. Once cooperative agreement funding ends, what support will your practice need to continue offering the behavioral health services that are currently being provided through your [location's] PMHCA program?
- [OPEN-ENDED RESPONSE]
25. How does your practice disseminate information **about practice changes** related to behavioral health care to pediatric patients and their caregivers? *Select all that apply.*
- Brochures/Briefs
  - Email/E-blasts
  - Individual provider communications with patients
  - Posters/Infographics
  - Social media
  - Websites
  - Other (*Specify.*)

## STAFF TRAINING

26. Where does your staff receive behavioral health training? *Select all that apply.*
- State licensing board
  - Professional organization
  - PMHCA program training
  - Other publicly funded training
  - Other (*Specify.*)
27. How do staff access training in behavioral health care through your [location's] PMHCA program? *Select all that apply.*
- In-person training event
  - Webinar
  - Self-study with program resources
  - Video conferencing
  - Learning collaborative (e.g., Project ECHO, Project REACH)
  - No staff have been trained through the PMHCA program. (*If selected, go to question 29.*)
  - Other (*Specify.*)
28. How often do staff participate in trainings through your state's PMHCA program?
- Monthly
  - Quarterly
  - Biannually
  - Annually

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- Other (Specify.)

29. What other behavioral health care training resources are utilized by your staff?

- [OPEN-ENDED RESPONSE]

## HEALTH EQUITY

*A goal of the PMHCA program is to focus on achieving health equity related to SDOH and racial, ethnic, and geographic disparities in access to behavioral health care, especially in rural and other underserved areas. The following questions will be used to inform our goal of improving health equity.*

30. In the last 12 months, as a result of participation in my [location's] PMHCA program, my practice increased provision of resources to pediatric patients and their caregivers to address the following SDOH-related needs:

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Education	0	0	0	0	0
Food security	0	0	0	0	0
Housing	0	0	0	0	0
Transportation	0	0	0	0	0
Language/Translation services	0	0	0	0	0

31. In the last 12 months, as a result of participation in my [location's] PMHCA program, my practice has incorporated telehealth services to reduce health disparities in access to behavioral health care.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

32. In the last 12 months, my [location's] PMHCA program provided training on the impact of discrimination, stereotyping, and stigma on the behavioral health of pediatric patients and their families.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

33. Please describe steps your practice has taken to improve health equity in access to behavioral health care for pediatric patients and their families, as a result of participation in your [location's] PMHCA program.

- [OPEN-ENDED RESPONSE]

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34. To what extent is the ethnicity and/or race of health professionals employed by your practice representative of the ethnicity and/or race of the pediatric patients and their families your practice treats?
- Not at All
  - To a Small Extent
  - To a Moderate Extent
  - To a Great Extent
  - To a Very Great Extent

## PRACTICE DEMOGRAPHICS

35. Which best describes your primary clinical practice site?
- University-based practice
  - Non-academic, hospital-based practice
  - Emergency department
  - Managed care organization
  - Private practice
  - Community health center/Federally Qualified Health Center
  - School-based health center
  - Tribal Health System
  - Other (*Specify.*)
36. How would you describe your practice setting? (*Select all that apply.*)
- Urban
  - Suburban
  - Rural
  - Frontier
37. Please provide the ZIP code in which your practice is located. If your practice has multiple locations, please indicate the ZIP code for the primary location.
- [OPEN-ENDED RESPONSE]
38. Is your practice in a federally designated medically underserved area?
- Yes
  - No
  - Do Not Know
39. Is your practice in a federally designated rural area?
- Yes
  - No
  - Do Not Know
40. What types of clinical and support staff work in your practice? *Select all that apply.*
- Pediatricians
  - Family physicians
  - Physician assistants

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- Advanced practice nurses/Nurse practitioners
- Licensed practical nurses
- Registered nurses
- Counselors
- Social workers
- Medical assistants
- Patient care navigators
  
- Other (*Specify.*)

41. How many health professionals work in your practice?

- 1
- 2-5
- 6-10
- 11-15
- 16-20
- 21-25
- 26-30
- ≥ 31

42. What is the race and/or ethnicity breakdown for pediatric patients in your practice?

*Assign approximate percentage to all that apply; patients can be in more than one category and percentages can add up to more than 100%.*

- American Indian or Alaskan Native \_\_\_\_%
- Asian \_\_\_\_%
- Black or African American \_\_\_\_%
- Hispanic or Latino \_\_\_\_%
- Middle Eastern or North African \_\_\_\_%
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander \_\_\_\_%
- White \_\_\_\_%
- Unknown \_\_\_\_%

43. What is the payer breakdown for pediatric patients in your practice? *Assign approximate percentage to all that apply.*

- Medicaid \_\_\_\_%
- Medicare \_\_\_\_%
- Commercial \_\_\_\_%
  
- Sliding fee scale/Self-pay \_\_\_\_%
- Indian Health Service \_\_\_\_%
- TRICARE \_\_\_\_%

## RESPONDENT INFORMATION

44. What is your current title?

- [OPEN-ENDED RESPONSE]

45. How long have you been in this position (in months)?

[OPEN-ENDED RESPONSE]

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## ADDITIONAL FEEDBACK

46. How can your [location's] PMHCA program be improved to better suit the needs of your practice?
- o [OPEN-ENDED RESPONSE]

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