

# SAMHSA Uniform Reporting System FY 2023 Data Definitions

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**The SAMHSA Uniform Reporting System (URS) is organized around a common set of data elements, standardization of service names, and definitions. This document provides a summary of key definitions.**

Term	Definition
Access	Access refers to the degree to which services are quickly and readily available.
Administration	<p>Includes expenditures for the administration of the State Mental Health Agency (SMHA), including central and regional offices, defined as SMHA activities that provide centralized policy direction and administrative management for all operational segments of the SMHA program. Functions usually include policy formulation, planning, budgeting, coordination, and evaluation. Supplemental/support activity may include fiscal administration, legal services, management information systems, purchasing, licensure, development of standards, training, and monitoring. SMHAs may operate from one central office or through a regional structure. Expenditures reported under this category should include the expenditures of the total central and/or regional structure. The infrastructure of the SMHA may include separate administrative components for the planning, coordination, and development of community administered programs, state psychiatric hospitals, and/or other programs. Expenditures for these SMHA divisions and/or components should be included in the total administration category. Research includes identifiable research activities funded or funded and conducted by the SMHA. Research activities may: (a) constitute one or more component within a state psychiatric hospital(s), community program, or independent facility; (b) comprise an entire program entity or facility (e.g., a children's psychiatric research institute); and/or (c) be conducted at the SMHA central office. Training refers to identifiable staff training and human resource development (HRD) activities or facilities funded or funded and operated by the SMHA. Training activities may: (a) be conducted as part of the state hospital, within community administered programs or independently run through the SMHA regional or central office; and/or (b) comprise an entire program entity or facility (e.g., a mental health training institute). Include all funds from federal HRD grants as well as state funds devoted toward training activities.</p>
Admission	The point at which a person begins an episode of care.
Ambulatory/Community Non-24-Hour Care	<p>Services provided in less-than 24-hour care setting and not overnight. It includes outpatient, partial care, emergency, and case management services.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Outpatient: mental health services provided to clients on an hourly basis, on an individual or group basis, and usually in a clinic setting. Services such as screening, crisis intervention, outreach, and psychiatric treatment can be included. Outpatient services may be diagnostic, therapeutic, or adjunctive. Include expenditures for wraparound services in the ambulatory/community non-24-hour care category.</li> <li>2. Partial care/day treatment: structured programs of treatment, activity, or other mental health services provided in clusters of three or more hours per day. These programs are often called day</li> </ol>

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	<p>treatment, partial hospitalization, psychosocial rehabilitation, or activity centers.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Emergency: programs that provide immediate and short-term services to patients experiencing psychiatric emergency or crisis situations. This covers telephone counseling, immediate services, and referral services.</li> <li>4. Case management: functions as an outreach intervention for clients with primary purpose of: (a) assisting clients in accessing financial, housing, medical, employment, social, transportation, and other essential community resources; (b) assisting community agencies in offering response services to the client population; or (c) mobilizing assistance from family, neighbors, and self-help groups on behalf of clients.</li> </ol>
American Indian or Alaska Native	<p>“A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliations or community attachment.” This category includes people who indicate their race as “American Indian or Alaska Native,” or report responses such as Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, or Nome Eskimo Community. (U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Census of Population and Housing, Public Law 94-171 Summary File).</p>
Appropriateness	<p>Appropriate services are those that are individualized to address a client’s strengths and challenges, cultural context, service preferences, and recovery goals.</p>
Asian	<p>“A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, India, China, the Philippine Islands, Japan, Korea, or Vietnam. It includes people who indicate their race as Asian Indian, Chinese, Filipino, Korean, Japanese, Vietnamese, and Other Asian, or provide other detailed Asian responses such as Pakistani, Cambodian, Hmong, Thai, Bengali, Mien, etc.” (U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Census of Population and Housing, Public Law 97-171 Summary File).</p>
Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)	<p>A team-based approach to the provision of treatment, rehabilitation, and support services. ACT/Programs for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) models of treatment are built around a self-contained multi-disciplinary team that serves as the fixed point of responsibility for all patient care for a fixed group of clients. In this approach, normally used with clients with severe and persistent mental illness, the treatment team typically provides all client services using a highly integrated approach to care. Key aspects are low caseloads and the availability of the services in a range of settings. The service is a recommended practice in the PORT study (Translating Research Into Practice: The Schizophrenia Patient Outcomes Research Team (PORT) Treatment Recommendations, Lehman, Steinwachs and Co-Investigators of Patient Outcomes Research Team, Schizophrenia Bulletin, 24(1):1-10, 1998) and is cited as a practice with strong evidence based on controlled, randomized effectiveness studies in the Surgeon</p>

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	General's report on mental health (Mental Health: A Report of the Surgeon General, December, 1999, Chapter 4, "Adults and Mental Health, Service Delivery, Assertive Community Treatment"). Additionally, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA, the prior name for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) recommended that state Medicaid agencies consider adding the service to their State Plans in HCFA Letter to State Medicaid Directors, Center for Medicaid and State Operations, June 7, 1999.
Average Length of Stay	This represents the average time a client receives services in a specified service setting (e.g., state psychiatric hospital, residential treatment centers, etc.) during a specified time period. This is generally computed by counting all the days the client received service during the time period and dividing by the number of clients that received the service during the same period (days a person was on furlough or not receiving services are not counted).
Black or African American	“A person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa. It includes people who indicate their race as “Black or African American” or report responses such as African American, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, or Somali. The category also includes groups such as Ghanaian, South African, Barbadian, Kenyan, Liberian, Bahamian, etc. (U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Census of Population and Housing, Public Law 97-171 Summary File).
Case Management Services	Case management services include activities for the purpose of locating services, linking the client/patient with these services, and monitoring the client’s/patient’s receipt of these services on behalf of the patient/client. Case management can be provided by an individual or a team; it may include both face-to-face and telephone contact with the client/patient as well as contact with other service providers.
Community Services	Community services refer to all services that are provided in a community setting (i.e., services not provided in an inpatient setting).
Convenience Sample	Convenience sample refers to a type of non-probability sample where the consumers are selected, in part or in whole, at the convenience of the researcher. The researcher makes no attempt, or only a limited attempt, to ensure that the sample is an accurate representation of some larger group or population. An example would be giving the consumer survey to all persons who attend services in a given week or month.
Consumer-run Services	Consumer-run services refer to mental health treatment or support services that are provided by individuals with lived experiences. These include social clubs, peer-support groups, and other peer-organized or consumer-run activities.
Co-occurring (MH/SUD) Disorders	The coexistence of both a mental health and a substance use disorder is referred to as co-occurring disorders.

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Coordinated Specialty Care (CSC) for First Episode Psychosis (FEP)	<a href="#">Coordinated specialty care</a> is a recovery-oriented, team approach to treating early psychosis that promotes easy access to care and shared decision-making among specialists, the person experiencing psychosis, and family members. Specifically, coordinated specialty care involves multiple components: <b>individual or group psychotherapy</b> is tailored to a person's recovery goals. Cognitive and behavioral therapy focuses on developing the knowledge and skills necessary to build resilience and cope with aspects of psychosis while maintaining and achieving person goals; <b>family support and education programs</b> team family members about psychosis as well as coping communication, and problem-solving skills; <b>medication management</b> involves health care providers tailoring medication to a person's specific needs by selecting the appropriate type and dose to help reduce psychosis symptoms; <b>supported employment and education services</b> aim to help individuals return to work or school, using the support of coach to help people achieve their goals; <b>case management</b> allows people with psychosis to work with a case manager to address practical problems and improve access to needed support services.”(National Institute of Mental Health: <a href="https://www.nimh.nih.gov/research/research-funded-by-nimh/research-initiatives/recovery-after-an-initial-schizophrenia-episode-raise">https://www.nimh.nih.gov/research/research-funded-by-nimh/research-initiatives/recovery-after-an-initial-schizophrenia-episode-raise</a> ).
Criminal Justice	“A criminal justice system is a set of legal and social institutions for enforcing the criminal law in accordance with a defined set of procedural rules and limitations. Criminal justice systems include several major subsystems, composed of one or more public institutions and their staffs: police and other law enforcement agencies; trial and appellate courts; prosecution and public defender offices; probation and parole agencies; custodial institutions (jails, prisons, reformatories, halfway houses, etc.); and departments of corrections (responsible for some or all probation, parole, and custodial functions). Some jurisdictions also have a sentencing guidelines commission” (Frase, R.S. & Weidner, R.R., 2002).
Crisis Residence	A residential (24 hours/day) stabilization program that delivers services for acute symptom reduction and restores clients to a pre-crisis level of functioning. These programs are time limited for persons until they achieve stabilization. Crisis residences serve persons experiencing rapid or sudden deterioration of social and personal conditions such that they are clinically at risk of hospitalization but may be treated in this alternative setting.
Crisis Services	Crisis services include centrally deployed 24/7 mobile crisis units, short-term residential crisis stabilization beds, evidence-based protocols for delivering services to individuals with suicide risk, and regional or statewide crisis call centers coordinating in real time that connect people as soon as possible to care (please see page 39 of the <a href="#">National Guidelines for Behavioral Health Crisis Care – A Best Practice Toolkit</a> ). Crisis services are for anyone who is in a behavioral health crisis regardless of their SMI or SED status. Crisis services should not be viewed as stand-alone resources operating independent of the local community mental health and hospital

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	systems but rather as an integrated part of a coordinated continuum of care.
Discharge	A discharge is the formal termination of service generally when treatment has been completed or through administrative discharge.
Dual Diagnoses	The coexistence of both a mental health and a substance use disorder is referred to as co-occurring disorders or dual diagnoses.
Early Serious Mental Illness (ESMI)	An early serious mental illness or ESMI is a condition that affects an individual regardless of their age and that is a diagnosable mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder of sufficient duration to meet diagnostic criteria specified within DSM-5 (APA, 2013) or ICD-10. For a significant portion of the time since the onset of the disturbance, the individual has not achieved or is at risk for not achieving the expected level of interpersonal, academic, or occupational functioning. This definition is not intended to include conditions that are attributable to the physiologic effects of a substance, a substance use disorder, an intellectual developmental disorder, or to another medical condition. The term ESMI is intended for the initial period of onset.
Employed	This is a broad category of full- or part-time employment within the competitive labor market. States may use their own definition for full- and part-time employment but the states' definitions are expected to be consistent with the basic concept used by the Department of Labor (for more information please refer to <a href="https://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_hgtm.htm">https://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_hgtm.htm</a> ).
Family Psychoeducation	Family psychoeducation is offered as part of an overall clinical treatment plan for individuals with mental illness to achieve the best possible outcome through the active involvement of family members in treatment and management and to alleviate the suffering of family members by supporting them in their efforts to aid the recovery of their loved ones. Family psychoeducation programs may be either multi-family or single-family focused. Core characteristics of family psychoeducation programs include the provision of emotional support, education, and resources during periods of crisis, and problem-solving skills.
First Episode Psychosis (FEP)	A first episode psychosis refers to the beginning of psychotic symptoms due to the onset of serious mental illness, such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, or post-traumatic stress disorder. Psychosis is when a person loses contact with reality and can include symptoms such as hallucinations, delusions, or confused thinking. The onset of symptoms typically occurs between the ages of 16 and 25.
Foster Care	Foster care refers to the provision of a living arrangement in a household other than that of the client's biological family.
Foster Home	A home licensed by a county or state department to provide care to children, adolescents, and/or adults. This includes Therapeutic Foster Care Facilities. See Therapeutic Foster Care definition.

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Forensic Clients	<p>Forensic clients are consumers who come to the mental health system due to their contact with the criminal justice system. Specific forensic activities may include, but are not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Diagnosis of individuals placed in an inpatient unit for short term psychiatric observation;</li> <li>2. Provision of diagnostic and treatment support for correctional populations on an inpatient basis;</li> <li>3. Providing security up to maximum levels; and</li> <li>4. Provision of security staff in secure units for the rehabilitation and management of behaviorally problematic individuals.</li> </ol> <p>Forensic clients include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. NGRI/GBMI: "Not guilty by reason of insanity" (NGRI) and/or "guilty but mentally ill" (GBMI) have been referred by legal and law enforcement agencies for emergency psychiatric evaluations; and persons who are to be evaluated for dangerousness. Provision of forensic services may occur within any of the separate state psychiatric hospital services, other hospital programs, community-based programs, and/or through the SMHA administrative offices.</li> <li>b. Competency: Defendants who are detained and evaluated as to their mental competence to stand trial.</li> <li>c. Transfers from criminal/juvenile justice: Services to adult or juvenile prisoners who have been transferred to the state hospital to receive services.</li> <li>d. Sexually violent predators: An increasing population in many states' mental health systems is deemed to be "Sexually Violent Predators." These persons have been convicted of a sexual offence and sent to the mental health system for treatment and control.</li> </ol>
Functional Family Therapy (FFT)	FFT is a phasic program where each step builds on another to enhance protective factors and reduce risk by working with both the youth and their families.
Gender Non-Conforming	Gender non-conforming refers to people who do not follow other people's ideas or stereotypes about how they should look, or act based on the female or male sex they were assigned at birth.
General Hospital	A hospital that may have a separate psychiatric unit and specially allocated staff for the treatment of persons with mental illness.
General Support	General support includes transportation, childcare, homemaker services, day care, and other general services for clients/patients.
Hispanic or Latino	A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. The term, "Spanish origin," can be used in addition to "Hispanic or Latino." (U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Census of Population and Housing, Public Law 97-171 Summary File).

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Homeless/Shelter	<p>A person is considered to be homeless if he/she lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and/or his/her primary nighttime residence is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations,</li> <li>2. An institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized, or</li> <li>3. A public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings (e.g., on the street).</li> </ol>
Housing Services	Assistance to clients/patients in finding and/or maintaining appropriate housing arrangements.
Illness Self-Management and Recovery	<p>Illness Self-Management and Recovery (also called illness management or wellness management) is a broad set of rehabilitation methods aimed at teaching individuals strategies for collaborating actively in their treatment with professionals, for reducing their risk of relapses and re-hospitalizations, for reducing severity and distress related to symptoms, and for improving their social support. Specific evidence-based practices that are incorporated under the broad rubric of illness self-management are psychoeducation about the nature of mental illness and its treatment, “behavioral tailoring” to help individuals incorporate the taking of medication into their daily routines, relapse prevention planning, teaching coping strategies for managing distressing persistent symptoms, cognitive behavioral therapy for psychosis, and social skills training. The goal of illness self-management is to help individuals develop effective strategies for managing their illness in collaboration with professionals and significant others, thereby freeing up their time to pursue their personal recovery goals.</p>
Information Systems	This includes collecting and analyzing data in order to monitor performance and outcomes. Costs for electronic health records (EHRs), telehealth platforms, digital therapeutics, and other health information technology also fall under this category.
Infrastructure Support	This includes activities that provide the infrastructure to support services but for which there are no individual services delivered. Examples include the development and maintenance of crisis-response capacity, including hotlines, mobile crisis teams, web-based check-in groups (for medication, treatment, and re-entry follow-up), drop-in centers, and respite services.
In-Home Family Services	Mental health treatment and support services offered to children and adolescents with mental illness and to their family members in their homes.
Institutional Setting	An institutional care facility in which care is provided on a 24-hour, 7 day a week basis. This level of care may include a Skilled Nursing/Intermediate Care Facility, Nursing Homes, Institutes of Mental Disease (IMD), Inpatient Psychiatric Hospital, Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF), Veterans Affairs Hospital, or State Hospital.



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Inpatient Care	A structured service setting or program that provides <u>overnight</u> care delivered within a psychiatric hospital or in a designated and staffed separate psychiatric service or unit of a general hospital/medical center, specifically for the treatment of mental health clients.
Institutions Under the Justice System	Institutions under the justice system refers specifically to jails and prisons managed or paid for by a government entity (i.e., federal, state, county, and city).
Integrated Services for Persons with Co-occurring Disorders	Dual diagnosis treatments combine or integrate mental health and substance use interventions at the level of the clinical encounter. Hence, integrated treatment means that the same clinicians or teams of clinicians, working in one setting, provide appropriate mental health and substance use interventions in a coordinated fashion. In other words, the caregivers take responsibility for combining the interventions into one coherent package. For the individual with a dual diagnosis, the services appear seamless, with a consistent approach, philosophy, and set of recommendations. The need to negotiate with separate clinical teams, programs, or systems disappears. The goal of dual diagnosis interventions is recovery from mental and substance use disorders.
Jail/Correctional Facility	This setting may include a jail, correctional facility, detention centers, prison, youth authority facility, juvenile hall, boot camp, or boys ranch.
Juvenile Justice	“Youth under the age of 18 who are accused of committing a delinquent or criminal act are typically processed through a juvenile justice system. While similar to that of the adult criminal justice system in many ways—processes include arrest, detainment, petitions, hearings, adjudications, dispositions, placement, probation, and reentry—the juvenile justice process operates according to the premise that youth are fundamentally different from adults, both in terms of level of responsibility and potential for rehabilitation. The primary goals of the juvenile justice system, in addition to maintaining public safety, are skill development, habilitation, rehabilitation, addressing treatment needs, and successful reintegration of youth into the community” (Youth.gov).
Living Independently	This category describes adult clients living independently in a private residence and capable of self-care. It includes clients who live independently with case management support or with supported housing supports. This also includes clients who are largely independent and choose to live with others for reasons not related to mental illness. They may live with friends, spouse, or other family members. The reasons for shared housing could include person choice related to culture and/or financial considerations.
Medicaid Client	Mental health clients to whom some services were reimbursable through Medicaid.
Medication Management	The critical elements identified for evidence-based medication management approaches are the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Utilization of a systematic plan for medication management.</li> </ol>

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Mental Health Prevention	Mental health prevention refers to reducing the recurrence of mental disorders, the time spent with symptoms, or the risk conditions, preventing or delaying recurrence and decreasing the impact of illness in the affected person with SMI/SED (e.g., replace prevention, suicide prevention).
Multisystemic Therapy (MST)	MST views the individual as nestled within a complex network of interconnected systems (family, school, peers). The goal is to facilitate change in this natural environment to promote individual change. The caregiver is viewed as the key to long-term outcomes.
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	“A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands. It includes people who indicate their race as “Native Hawaiian.: “Guamanian or Chamorro,” “Samoan,” and “Other Pacific Islander” (U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Census of Population and Housing, Public Law 97-171 Summary File).
Non-Institutional Settings	A setting that provides mental health services, but not on an inpatient facility or nursing home level of care (e.g., care is provided in a community-based setting).
Non-Medicaid Services	Services not covered or paid for by Medicaid.
Not In Labor Force	Persons who are neither employed nor unemployed are not in the labor force. This category includes persons that are retired, students, homemakers, disabled, in sheltered/non-competitive employment, and others who are neither working nor seeking work. Information is collected on their desire for and availability for work, job search activity in the prior year, and reasons for not currently searching.
Nursing Home	An establishment that provides living quarters and care for the elderly and the chronically ill. This includes assisted living outside a nursing home.
Other 24-Hour Care	<p>A setting, other than hospital inpatient setting, which provides congregate overnight living. A variety of services along a continuum of living arrangements may be offered, ranging from basic room and board with minimal supervision through 24-hour medical, nursing, and/or intensive therapeutic programs. Activities include diagnosis, treatment, and care to mentally ill individuals, either on a residential treatment or residential support services basis. Residential treatment is overnight care in conjunction with an intensive treatment program. Residential support is overnight care in conjunction with supervised living and other support services. Depending upon the nomenclature used in the state, residential settings may include, but may not be limited to, any of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residential treatment: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intermediate Care Facility (ICF): a residential facility providing room, board, social and rehabilitative services, and nursing services to include treatment, medication, and</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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	<p>counseling. One registered or licensed nurse per 40 patients is usually minimal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF): a residential facility offering services characteristic of ICF with the addition of 24-hour, seven-days a week nursing services required for complex patient medical conditions. These facilities usually have no less than one registered licensed nurse per 15 patients. SNF must have at least one or more medically related health services such as physical services, physical, occupational, or speech therapy, diagnostic and laboratory services, and/or medication.</li> <li>c. Residential treatment center for emotionally disturbed children: an organization that provides individually planned programs of mental health treatment services in conjunction with residential care for patients. It serves children and youth primarily under the age of 18.</li> </ul> <p>2. Housing support services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Group homes: a residential facility providing post-institutional care or alternative to institutional care including counseling, rehabilitation, supervised living, personal care, and other supportive services.</li> <li>b. Supportive living facility: a long-term residential facility that provides room, board, and possibly mental health care.</li> <li>c. Halfway house: a residential facility providing short-term supervised living and/or care.</li> <li>d. Board and lodging home/domiciliary: provides only room and board.</li> <li>e. Unsupervised and supervised apartments: provide only room and board and/or minimal supervision.</li> </ul>
Other Psychiatric Inpatient Care	<p>Other psychiatric inpatient care refers to inpatient psychiatric services provided in a private psychiatric hospital, a psychiatric bed in a general hospital, or any other psychiatric inpatient bed that is not part of a state psychiatry hospital. Examples of Other Psychiatric Inpatient Care settings include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Private psychiatric hospital: a facility licensed and operated as a private psychiatric hospital that primarily provides 24-hour inpatient care to persons with mental illness.</li> <li>• Separate inpatient psychiatric unit of a general hospital: a licensed general hospital (public or private) that provides inpatient mental health services in at least one separate psychiatric living unit. This unit must have specifically allocated staff and space (beds) for the treatment of persons with mental illness. The unit may be located in the hospital itself or in a separate building, either adjacent or more remote, and be owned by the hospital. It may also provide</li> </ul>

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	24-hour residential care and/or less than 24-hour care (e.g., outpatient, day treatment, partial hospitalization), but these additional service setting are not requirements.
Partnerships, Community Outreach, and Needs Assessment	This includes state, regional, and local personnel salaries prorated from time and materials to support planning meetings, information collection, analysis, and travel. It also includes the support for partnerships across state and local agencies, and tribal governments. Community/network development activities such as marketing, communication, and public education, including the planning and coordination of services, fall into this category, as do needs-assessment projects to identify the scope and magnitude of the problem, resources available, gaps in services, and strategies to close those gaps.
Peer Support	These include a wide range of supports, services, and advocacy provided by peers (individuals with lived experience) to other peers. These services may include but are not limited to advocating for people in recovery, sharing resources and building skills, building community and relationships, leading recovery groups, mentoring and setting goals. Peer support roles may also extend to providing services and/or training, supervising other peer workers, developing resources, administering programs or agencies, and educating the public and policymakers.
Planning Council Activities	This includes those activities that support the performance of a Mental Health Planning Council or Behavioral Health Planning Council.
Private Residence	Individual lives in a house, apartment, trailer, hotel, dorm, barrack, and/or Single Room Occupancy (SRO).
Quality Assurance and Improvements	This includes activities to improve the overall quality of services, including those activities to assure conformity to acceptable professional standards, adaptation, and review of implementation of evidence-based practices, identification of areas of technical assistance related to quality outcomes, including feedback. Administrative agency contracts to monitor service-provider quality fall into this category, as do independent peer-review activities.
Random Sample	A subset of the population derived using a sampling technique that gives each member of the population an equal chance of being selected.
Research and Evaluation	This includes performance measurement, evaluation, and research such as services research and demonstration projects to test feasibility and effectiveness of a new approach as well as the dissemination of such information.
Residential Care	This level of care may include a Group Home, Therapeutic Group Home, Board and Care, Residential Treatment, or Rehabilitation Center, or Agency-operated residential care facilities.

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Residential Treatment Center for Children (RTC)	A facility not licensed as a psychiatric hospital that primarily provides individually planned programs of mental health treatment in a residential care setting for children and youth younger than 18. (Some RTCs for children may accept persons through age 21.) This type of facility must have a clinical program that is directed by a psychiatrist, psychologist, social worker, or psychiatric nurse who has a masters or a doctoral degree.
Retired	Clients who have concluded their working or professional career and stopped working and have withdrawn from their occupation.
School Attendance	Physical presence of a child in a school setting during scheduled class hours.
School Based Services	School-based treatment and support interventions designed to address emotional disturbances of children and youth, including activities that assist parents, teachers, and counselors in developing comprehensive strategies for addressing these disturbances. School-based services include counseling or other school-based programs for emotionally disturbed children, adolescents, and their families within the school.
Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED)	Children with serious emotional disturbance (SED) includes persons up to age 18 who have a diagnosable behavioral, mental, or emotional issue—as defined by the Psychiatric Association’s <i>Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) of Mental Disorders</i> . This condition results in a functional impairment that substantially interferes with, or limits, a child’s role or functioning in family, school, or community activities. SAMHSA’s definition of SED was provided in a 1993 <i>Federal Register</i> notice (May 20, 1993; 58 FR 29422).
Serious Mental Illness (SMI)	Adults with serious mental illness (SMI) includes persons age 18 and older who have a diagnosable behavioral, mental, or emotional condition (as defined by the DSM). This condition substantially interferes with, or limits, one or more major life activities, such as: basic daily living (for example, eating or dressing); instrumental living (for example, taking prescribed medications or getting around the community); and participating in a family, school, or workplace (SAMHSA’s definition of SMI was provided in a 1993 <i>Federal Register</i> notice (May 20, 1993; 58 FR 29422).
Sexual Orientation	Sexual orientation is an often-enduring pattern of emotional, romantic, and/or sexual attractions to persons of the opposite sex or gender, the same sex or gender, or both sexes or more than one gender. It also refers to an individual’s sense of personal and social identity based on those attractions, related to behaviors, and membership in a community of others who share those attractions and behaviors.
Some Other Race	Race other than White, Black or African American, Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, American Indian or Native American, More than One race.
State Psychiatric Hospital	A state owned psychiatric inpatient facility licensed as a hospital that provides primarily inpatient care to individuals with a mental illness from a specific geographic area and/or statewide. Include state hospitals where

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	the management and operation are contracted out to a non-state organization or company.
Stratified Random Sample	A type of random sampling where sub-populations are represented equally or proportionately to the whole population.
Substance Use	Substance use refers to the use of selected substances, including alcohol, tobacco products, drugs, inhalants, and other substance that can be consumed, inhaled, injected, or otherwise absorbed into the body with possible dependence and other detrimental effects.
Supported Employment (SE)	Mental Health Supported Employment (SE) is an evidence-based service to promote rehabilitation and return to productive employment or enter into productive employment, for persons with serious mental illnesses. SE programs use a team approach for treatment, with employment specialists responsible for carrying out all vocational services from intake through follow-along. Job placements are: community-based (i.e., not sheltered workshops, not onsite at SE or other treatment agency offices), competitive (i.e., jobs are not exclusively reserved for SE clients, but open to public), in normalized settings, and utilize multiple employers. The SE team has a small client to staff ratio. SE contacts occur in the home, at the job site, or in the community. The SE team is assertive in engaging and retaining clients in treatment, especially utilizing face-to-face community visits, rather than phone or mail contacts. The SE team consults/works with family and significant others when appropriate. SE services are frequently coordinated with Vocational Rehabilitation benefits.
Supported Housing	Services to assist individuals in finding and maintaining appropriate housing arrangements. This activity is premised upon the idea that certain clients are able to live independently in the community only if they have support staff for monitoring and/or assisting with residential responsibilities. These staff assist clients to select, obtain, and maintain safe, decent, affordable housing and maintain a link to other essential services provided within the community. The objective of supported housing is to help obtain and maintain an independent living situation. Supported Housing is a specific program model in which a consumer lives in a house, apartment or similar setting, alone or with others, and has considerable responsibility for residential maintenance but receives periodic visits from mental health staff or family for the purpose of monitoring and/or assisting with residential responsibilities. Criteria identified for supported housing programs include: housing choice, functional separation of housing from service provision, affordability, integration (with persons who do not have mental illness), right to tenure, service choice, service individualization and service availability.
Therapeutic Foster Care	Children are placed with foster parents who are trained to work with children with special needs. Usually, each foster home takes one child at a time, and caseloads of supervisors in agencies overseeing the program remain small. In addition, therapeutic foster parents are given a higher stipend than traditional foster parents, and they receive extensive pre-

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	service training and in-service supervision and support. Frequent contact between case managers or care coordinators and the treatment family is expected, and additional resources and traditional mental health services may be provided as needed.
Training and Evaluation	This includes skill development and continuing education for personnel employed in local programs as well as partnering agencies, as long as the training relates to services to adults with SMI or children with SED. Typical costs include course fees, tuition, and reimbursements to employees, trainer(s) and support staff salaries, and certification expenditures.
Two or More Races	“A combination of two or more of the following race categories: 1. White 2. Black or African American 3. American Indian or Alaska Native 4. Asian 5. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander 6. Some Other Race” (U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Population, Public Law 97-171 Redistricting Data File).
Transgender (Trans Woman and Trans Man)	<p>Transgender is an umbrella term for persons whose gender identify, gender expression, or behavior does not conform to that typically associated with the sex to which they were assigned at birth.</p> <p>Trans Woman is a person that was assigned male at birth but identifies and lives as a woman.</p> <p>Trans Man is a person that was assigned female at birth but identifies and lives as a man.</p>
Unduplicated Counts	Counting a client/consumer and their services uniquely. Unduplicated counts can exist at different levels: a program, a local system of care, or at the state level.
Unemployed	<p>According to the U.S. Department of Labor, persons are classified as unemployed if they do not have a job, have actively looked for work in the prior 4 weeks, and are currently available for work. Actively looking for work may consist of any of the following activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Contacting: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. An employer directly or having a job interview</li> <li>b. A public or private employment agency</li> <li>c. Friends or relatives</li> <li>d. A school or university employment center</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Sending out resumes or filling out applications</li> <li>3. Placing or answering advertisement</li> <li>4. Checking union or professional registers</li> <li>5. Some other means of active job search</li> </ol>
Vocational Rehabilitation	Services that include job finding/development, assessment and enhancement of work-related skills, attitudes, and behaviors as well as provision of job experience to clients/patients. Includes transitional employment.

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White	<p>“A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.” It includes people who indicate their race as “White” or report entries such as Irish, German, Italian, Lebanese, Near Easterner, Arab, or Polish” (U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Census of Population and Housing, Public Law 97-171 Summary File).</p>