



***Policy Research on Aging and Mental Health Services
(PRAMHS) Project***

Bibliographic Description

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Scope of Study

Summary: This study consists of four parts. Part 1 is the result of a nationwide mail survey of Community Mental Health Centers (CMHC). Questions centered on the delivery of mental health services to the elderly, and cover topics such as the number of elderly people in the client load, amount of interaction between CMHC and Area Agencies on Aging (AAA), factors affecting the delivery of services to the elderly, and specialized services for the elderly. In addition to data from the PRAMHS questionnaire, data from the 1976 National Institute of Mental Health CMHC inventory were merged with the corresponding agencies. Part 2 contains data from a mail survey of Area Agencies on Aging. Data include percentage of referrals made by agencies to mental health programs as compared to other types of programs, priority given to mental health issues, factors influencing delivery and coordination of mental health services to the elderly, and amount of communication between AAA and agencies in its service area serving the mental health needs of the elderly. Part 3 consists of data collected by the PRAMHS project State Unit on Aging (SUA) mail survey. Information is included on interaction with State Mental Health Agencies, priority given to mental health issues, efforts by the elderly to influence policy decisions, and factors influencing delivery and coordination of mental health services to the elderly. Part 4 contains the result of the PRAMHS State Mental Health Agencies mail survey. Data provide information concerning interaction with SUA, efforts to decrease the number of elderly in state mental health institutions, efforts by the elderly to influence policy decisions, and factors influencing delivery and coordination of mental health services to the elderly.

Subject Term(s): aging, health facilities, hospitals, mental health, public health, public programs, senior citizens
Geographic Coverage: United States
Time Period: 1979 - 1980
Date(s) of Collection: -
Unit of Observation: facility
Universe: -
Data Type: survey data
Data Collection Notes: Conducted by the University of Kentucky.

Methodology

Sample: -
Mode of Data collection: -
Extent of Processing: Standardized missing values. Created online analysis version with question text. Performed recodes and/or calculated derived variables. Checked for undocumented or out-of-range codes.

Access and Availability

Note: -

Restrictions: -

Original Release: 1984-07-13

Version History: The last update of this study occurred on 2008-11-18.

2008-11-18 - New files were added. These files included one or more of the following: Stata setup, SAS transport (CPORT), SPSS system, Stata system, SAS supplemental syntax, and Stata supplemental syntax files, and a tab-delimited ASCII data file. Some other minor edits were made to improve the data and documentation.

2005-11-04 - On 2005-03-14 new files were added to one or more datasets. These files included additional setup files as well as one or more of the following: SAS program, SAS transport, SPSS portable, and Stata system files. The metadata record was revised 2005-11-04 to reflect these additions.

2004-12-21 - Data definition statements for SAS and SPSS were consolidated and updated to reduce the number of parts from forty to four. Stata data definition statements were created for all four parts. The codebooks were converted from ASCII to PDF format.

Dataset(s): DS1: Community Mental Health Centers

DS2: Area Agencies on Aging

DS3: State Units on Aging

DS4: State Mental Health Agencies