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Background

- The rates of substance use among teens in New Mexico (NM) are among the highest in the US.
- Regular use of illicit drugs during adolescence can compromise mental and physical health and contribute to poorer longer-term outcomes.
- The Strategic Implementation of Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) in School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs) [SISS] initiative implements and evaluates the SBIRT model, with a goal of identifying, reducing, and preventing substance use in New Mexico (NM) adolescents.

Objectives

For this analysis, we describe baseline (year 1) data on the provision of SBIRT to adolescents at-risk for substance abuse.

Methods

- From October 2019 to May 2020, students from five participating SBHCs located in secondary schools in Albuquerque, NM were screened for substance use concerns using the CRAFFT tool, a validated instrument for adolescents aged 12-21.
- When a student screens positive on the CRAFFT, SBHC providers:
 - Inquire about current substance use (past 30 day use of marijuana, alcohol, opioids and other substances),
 - Provide brief intervention, and
 - Attempt to engage in follow-up care and referral to behavioral health, as appropriate.



Source: <u>https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/fasd/features/teen-substance-</u> <u>use.html</u>

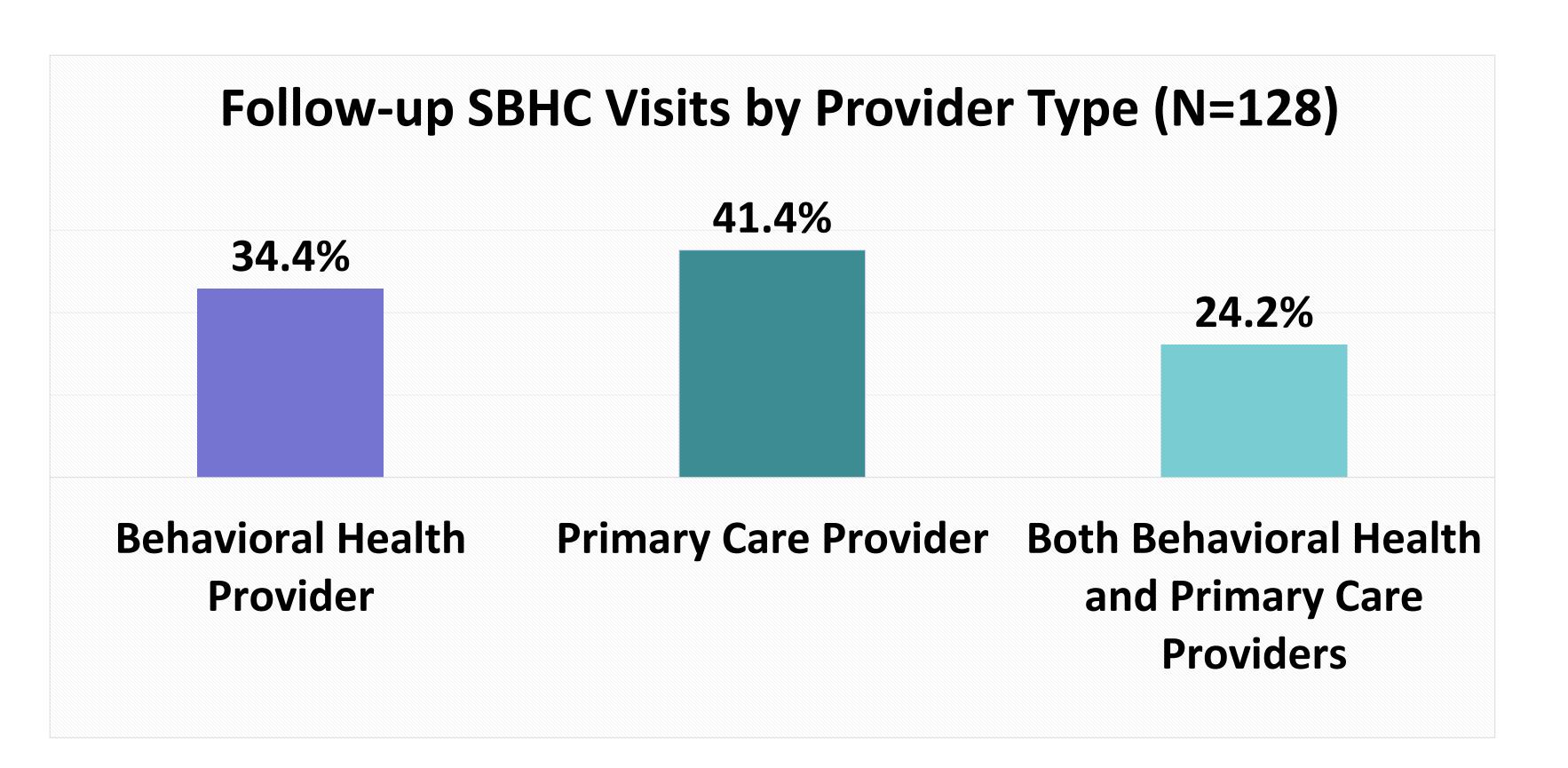
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	Screening Group		
Characteristics	Not screened (N=222)	No use* in past year (N=947)	Use* in past year (N=489)
Age, mean (SD)	15.5 (1.8)	14.8 (1.9)	15.7 (1.6)
Female, n (%)	117 (53.7)	607 (64.2)	333 (68.7)
Race/Ethnicity, n (%)			
Hispanic	121 (60.5)	587 (72.7)	334 (72.0)
Non-Hispanic White	35 (17.5)	99 (12.3)	73 (15.7)
Black	28 (14.0)	55 (6.8)	26 (5.6)
Native American	9 (4.5)	45 (5.6)	25 (5.4)
Asian	6 (3.0)	17 (2.1)	4 (0.4)
Other	1 (0.5)	4 (0.5)	2 (0.4)

*Use = Alcohol or substance use

- five participating SBHC sites.

 - indicating possible substance use disorder.



Results

A total of 1658 adolescents (≤20 years) received SBHC services across

Of these youth, 1436 (86.6%) were screened for substance use.

Of the 1436 youth screened, 222 (15.5%) were CRAFFT positive,

Of the 222 youth who were CRAFFT positive, 128 (57.7%) received SBHC follow-up care within 30 days of the positive CRAFFT screen.

- substance use concerns.
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Conclusions

Preliminary results of the implementation of SBIRT in SBHCs are encouraging. Further analysis of year one data is underway.

Efforts are on-going to improve follow-up care and enhance SBHC provider training in essential SBIRT communication skills for teens with

SBHCs may offer a unique opportunity for adolescent engagement and follow-up care compared to other primary care clinics.

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