

Local Health Department Data

The statistical information below indicates the utilization of services at the Montgomery County Health Department is similar to those in the Region and the State. However, the **WIC** (Women, Infants, and Children) and **Child Health** program encounters account for 70.6% of all services in the county compared to 59.5% in the Region and 57.7% statewide. **Dental services** are not available at the Montgomery County Health Department. A recent assessment of TennCare Dental Coverage (January 1997) prepared by Dr. Michelle Vaughan, Mid-Cumberland Regional Office, Tennessee Department of Health, reveals there are adequate TennCare Pedodontist in the county for enrolled children. No TennCare General Dentistry providers, Orthodontists, or Oral Surgeons were identified in the county by the survey. Statistics were unavailable for the PHP TennCare MCO. There are 18,590 residents enrolled in TennCare (1-4-97). A dental shortage area is calculated at one (1) provider (full time equivalent=40 hours) to 5,000 population or greater.

| Program | Montgomery | | Region | | State | |
|-----------------|------------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|
| | Percent | | Percent | | Percent | |
| | 1994 | 1995 | 1994 | 1995 | 1994 | 1995 |
| Adult Health | 9.5 | 9.9 | 15.9 | 17.0 | 12.9 | 12.8 |
| CDC | 7.9 | 6.8 | 6.2 | 6.5 | 4.9 | 6.7 |
| Child Health | 19.2 | 15.8 | 28.1 | 22.0 | 31.1 | 26.2 |
| CSS | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 2.4 | 2.7 |
| Dental | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 2.7 |
| Family Planning | 7.6 | 7.5 | 10.6 | 10.6 | 10.7 | 10.2 |
| Non-Clinical | 1.0 | 4.0 | 1.0 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 5.7 |
| Prenatal | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 1.5 |
| WIC | 53.2 | 54.8 | 35.3 | 37.5 | 31.6 | 31.5 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Program Data From Other Departments

The following statistics from other State Departments reveal the county compares relatively well to the Region and State. However, Montgomery County's Child Abuse and Neglect case rate is 133% above the Regional rate and 159% above the State rate. Also, the rate of Children in State Custody is 20% above the Regional rate and 13% above the State rate. There is a correlation between these two indicators as abused children are at-risk to be placed in State Care while corrective measures are imposed upon the abusive parent(s). These indicators signal a need for preventive, proactive strategies in the county that will increase parenting skills before problems related to family management and conflict are recognized in abuse statistics.