

Getting the Facts

Substance Abuse in Vermont

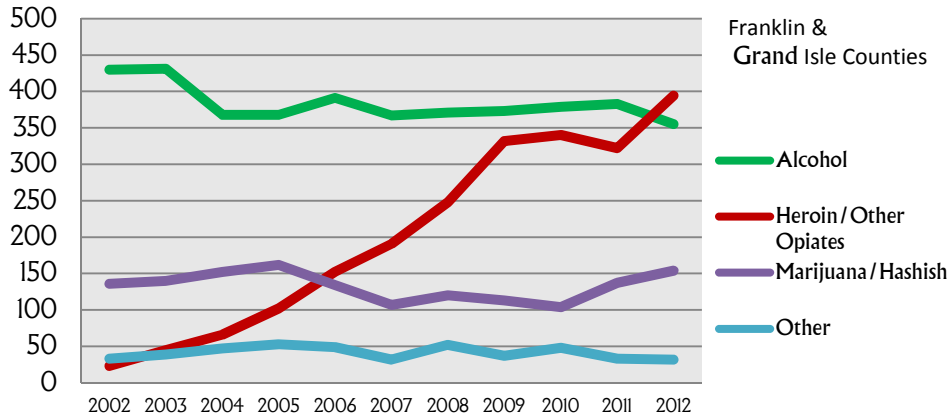


From Dr. Fred Holmes:

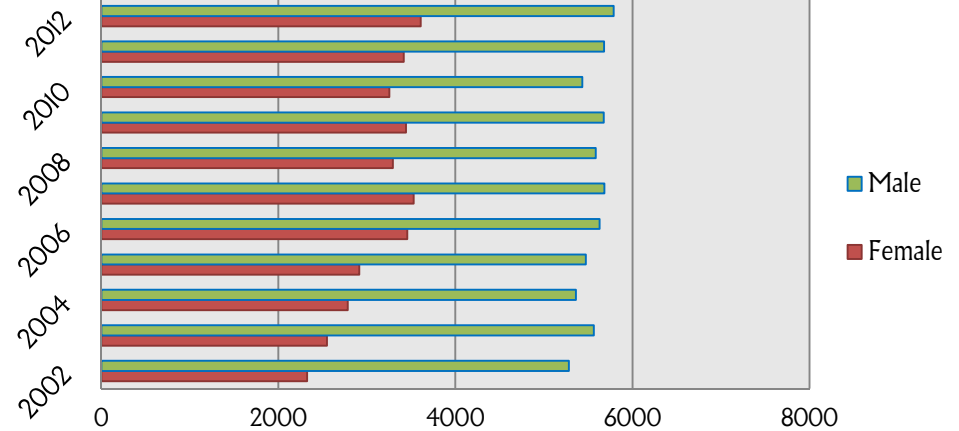
In my first four years of my work with these young men and women I fielded 3250 phone calls and treated 134 young people from our community, 50% from one high school alone. The average age of first use for my patients was 15.1 years of age. A year and a half later, average 16.5 years of age, these young men and women felt they were addicted. These young people struggled with an active addiction for more than three years before they first entered treatment. For many, many years these children struggled with an addiction to opiates with very little help, or hope.

In order to maintain an addiction to prescription drugs, it would take a minimum of one 80mg pill of Oxycontin twice a day at a street value of \$100.00 each. Figuring I treated 134 young men and women, who struggled with a full blown addiction to prescription drugs for an average of 3.3 years before treatment, the cost of keeping up a habit like that cost our community \$32,280,600.00. For 35% of my patients with addiction, we were unsuccessful.

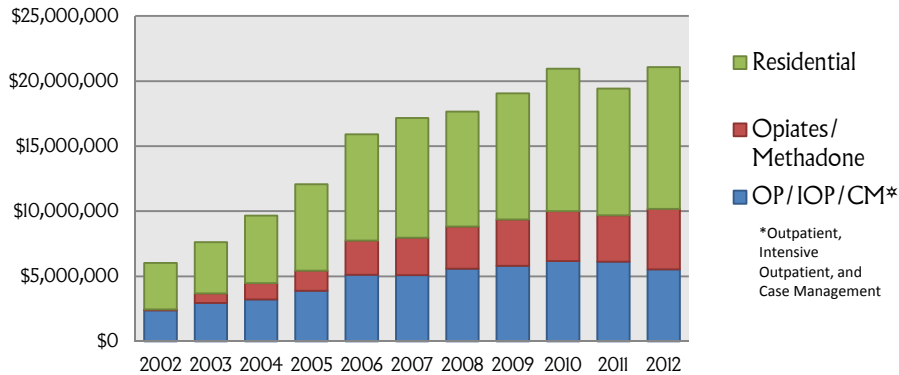
Individuals in Treatment by Substance of Abuse



Vermonters Treated for Substance Abuse by Gender



State Direct Treatment Service Contracts/Grants



Level of Care- Statewide

