

# Background Information

## *At A Glance*

### ***Background Information***

- Data collected from the Primary Agency who supports the person to be visited. (61.54% from case managers or service coordinators)
- Background information relating to our report sections (work, home, etc) is in each specific section.

### ***Visits***

- Since 1999, 3342 visits have been complete by PAL's Quality of Life Initiative.
- In the past 4 project years, we have visited 1513 individuals, which is 63.4% of the people asked.

### ***Declines***

- 17.7% of people declined to participate from 1999 thru June 2004.
- 21.4% of the people declined from September 2004 thru June 2008.
- 30.6% of the people declined in this past year September 2007 thru June 2008.

### ***Selected But Not Visited Or Declined***

- 15.2%- people we either did not receive the requested background information form from a person's primary agency or the visit was difficult to schedule and was not done.

### ***Follow Up***

- Prior to the 9/2004, PAL did follow up on almost **1000** issues people expressed.
- From the 9/2004 thru 6/2008, follow up was done for over **1600** issues people expressed.
- The top 3 reason for follow ups during the last 4 years were safety, friendship, and various issues at home or work.

### ***Resources***

- Resources were handed out to people visited, their families, and their staff.
- People definitely want and need more help to find satisfying employment.
- Families want more information on respite and developing relationships beyond family and staff.
- Staff wants user friendly resources in varied formats.

# Participation Distribution by Primary Support Provider

Agency	2004-2005					2005-2006					2006-2007					2007-2008						
	Census** Primary Agency	Chosen to participate	Visits Completed	Declined	Select*	Census** Primary Agency	Chosen to participate	Visits Completed	Declined	Select*	Census** Primary Agency	Chosen to participate	Visits Completed	Declined	Select*	Census** Primary Agency	Chosen to participate	Visits Completed	Declined	Select*		
	Total	587	384	104	99	Total	622	403	126	93	Total	593	414	102	77	Total	586	312	179	95		
No agency providing support		6	50%	0%	50%		12	42%	58%	0%		2	2	50%	0%	50%		17	17	0%	6%	94%
Avatar		6	100%	0%	0%		9	78%	11%	11%		66	16	81%	19%	0%		67	16	88%	6%	6%
Blackstone Valley RI Arc Bridges		48	77%	21%	2%		47	77%	11%	13%		288	64	64%	30%	6%		244	29	69%	31%	0%
Community Living of RI		9	22%	67%	11%		17	76%	12%	12%		63	2	100%	0%	0%		59	8	88%	0%	13%
Corliss		2	100%	0%	0%		4	75%	25%	0%		24	3	100%	0%	0%		31	9	22%	67%	11%
Cove Center		10	40%	0%	60%		5	0%	40%	60%		21	4	50%	25%	25%		20	4	25%	0%	75%
Cranston Arc		25	48%	44%	8%		22	50%	36%	14%		81	7	57%	0%	43%		79	13	15%	23%	62%
Fogarty Center		57	72%	21%	7%		38	58%	29%	13%		185	39	51%	33%	15%		182	30	50%	40%	10%
Gateways to Change		47	57%	30%	13%		42	69%	19%	12%		197	36	53%	33%	14%		195	41	49%	44%	7%
Homestead Group		20	30%	40%	30%		23	35%	30%	35%		107	16	38%	25%	38%		112	32	19%	69%	13%
J.R.I.		51	59%	12%	29%		50	50%	30%	20%		239	70	54%	27%	19%		217	49	59%	22%	18%
Laplante Center		5	80%	0%	20%		4	100%	0%	0%		No	2	50%	0%	50%		13	2	50%	0%	50%
L.I.F.E.		8	88%	0%	13%		7	71%	29%	0%		60	9	89%	0%	11%		67	13	85%	8%	8%
Looking Upwards		23	43%	0%	57%		22	50%	32%	18%		96	17	71%	12%	18%		27	41%	44%	15%	
Maher Center		10	90%	0%	10%		23	87%	0%	13%		110	20	100%	0%	0%		12	83%	17%	0%	
R.I. Mentors		35	74%	0%	26%		49	63%	31%	6%		216	21	67%	33%	0%		205	39	64%	33%	3%
New England RMS							3	100%	0%	0%		5	1	100%	0%	0%		21	2	100%	0%	0%
Ocean State Community Resources		2	50%	50%	0%		5	60%	20%	20%		24	4	75%	25%	0%		23	3	100%	0%	0%
Olean Center		6	50%	33%	17%		27	85%	7%	7%		69	18	94%	0%	6%		64	16	94%	0%	6%
Opportunities Unlimited		8	88%	0%	13%		7	43%	43%	14%		71	13	0%	0%	100%		67	24	0%	79%	21%
Options		5	100%	0%	0%		7	86%	0%	14%		33	3	100%	0%	0%		37	12	92%	8%	0%
Perspectives							6	100%	0%	0%		15	0%	0%	100%		n/a					
Proabilities		52	73%	19%	8%		33	64%	12%	24%		249	55	96%	4%	0%		248	22	45%	9%	45%
Re-Focus							1	0%	0%	100%		13	1	100%	0%	0%						
RHD		9	89%	0%	11%		23	65%	22%	13%		99	16	100%	0%	0%		98	29	72%	3%	24%
RICLAS												27	2	50%	0%	50%		31	4	50%	25%	25%
Spurwink/RI		40	95%	0%	5%		51	92%	6%	2%		290	47	89%	9%	2%		288	47	79%	15%	6%
Training Thru Placement		3	67%	0%	33%							0						0				
Trudeau Center		11	36%	27%	36%		9	89%	0%	11%		3	100%	0%	0%		53	8	50%	13%	38%	
United Cerebral Palsy of RI		50	56%	36%	8%		45	53%	31%	16%		263	62	85%	15%	0%		237	33	48%	48%	3%
West Bay Residential		11	73%	18%	9%		15	60%	7%	33%		63	7	57%	43%	0%		61	16	25%	44%	31%
Work Opportunities Unlimited		23	65%	4%	30%		12	42%	17%	42%		119	17	71%	18%	12%		117	19	53%	32%	16%
		5	20%	0%	80%		4	0%	0%	100%		48	1	100%	0%	0%		52	10	30%	70%	0%
<b>% Total</b>			<b>65%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>% Total</b>		<b>65%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>% Total</b>		<b>70%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>% Total</b>		<b>53%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>16%</b>		

We did not request information from agency- the agency either did not exist or was just beginning

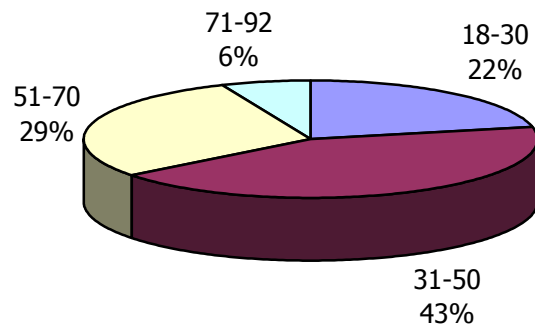
Agency did not participate

\*Select Either the agency did not send a Background Information form or the BIF was sent but the visit difficult to schedule

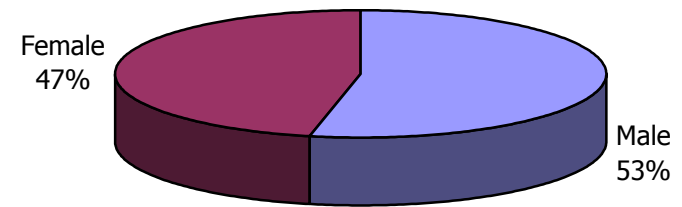
\*\* Agency Census- prior to project year 2006-2007, we started requesting an updated agency census to update our database. The numbers reflect only the people the agency is their primary agency.

# People We Visited\*

## Age Range



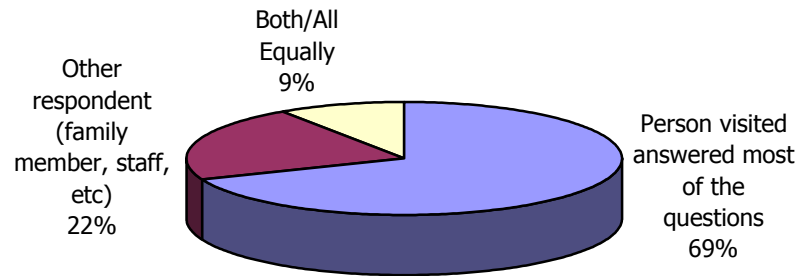
## Gender



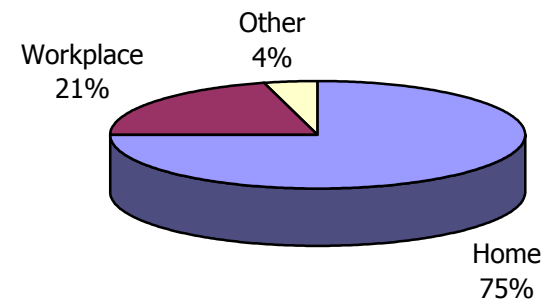
*\* Data collected from primary agency on Background Information Form*

## Visit Location & Participation\*

### Who Answered Most of Our Questions?



### Visit Location



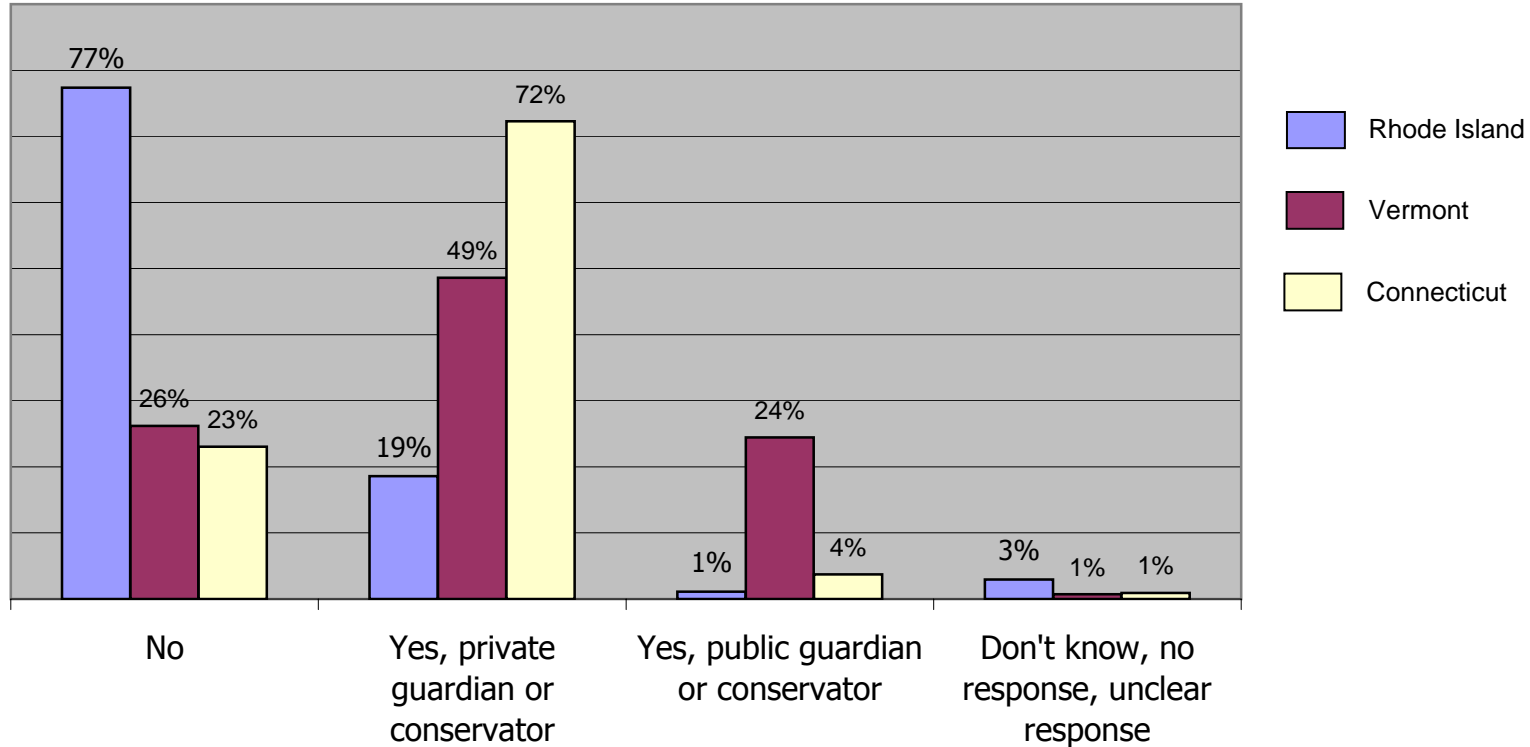
*\* Data collected by QLI Visitor at beginning of visit*

#### ***Comments:***

- We always tried to visit people at their home because it gave us better insight into a person's supports and life
- Although people often had another person at their visit, 69% of the people visited over the past 4 years answered most of the questions on their own

# Guardianship

Does this person have a legal guardian or conservator appointed?  
NCI Data, average from 2005-2007

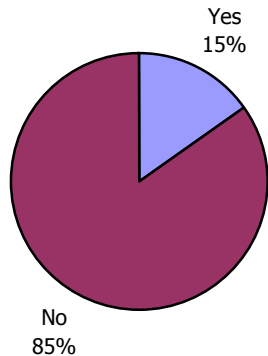


### Comments:

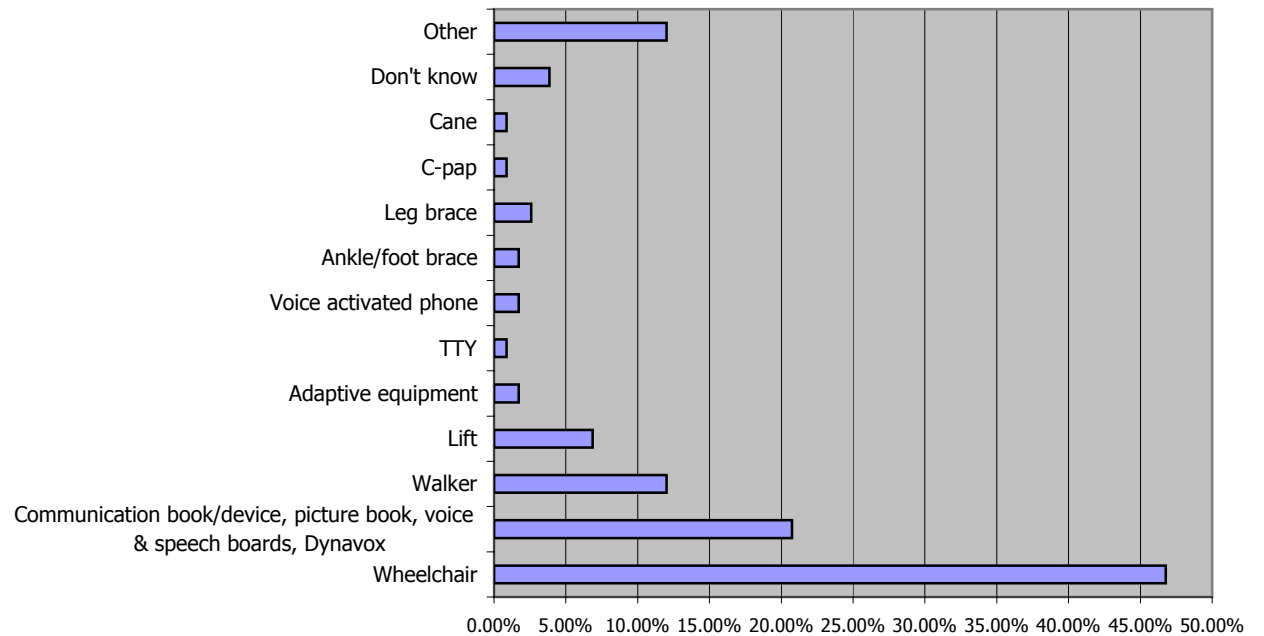
Guardianship data was taken from the NCI Reports to compare RI with two New England states, Connecticut and Vermont. It is clear that Rhode Islanders with disabilities have significantly fewer court appointed guardians. NCI 2008 comparative report is not completed to date.

# Assistive Technology, Communication Devices & Adaptive Equipment

Does this person use a type of assistive technology?



If this person uses assistive technology, what is it?  
(multiple responses possible)



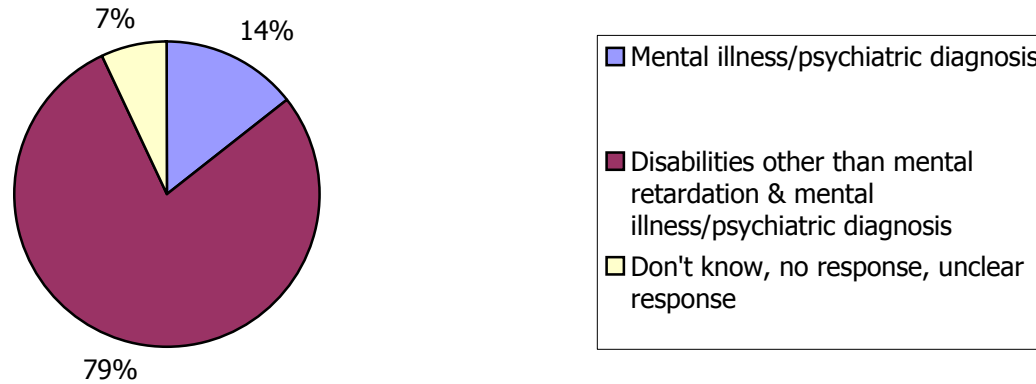
## Comments:

- Communication is fundamental. With no manner to communicate, people are so alone.
- Information technology and adaptive technology are areas we must continue to pursue. Those who have computers use them to connect with people, share photos, plan activities, do research, get a voter registration application, etc. Children are exposed to computers at such an early age; teenagers in transition to adult services are using computers more than ever and older Rhode Islanders with disabilities express the desire to have and learn to use computers.
- Communication is so vital, we must also provide people who have no or limited verbal communication access to individualized communication systems.
- For those who do not speak English or converse with sign language, there is a significant need for more sign language and bi-lingual interpreters.

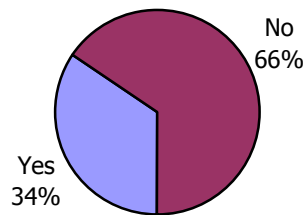
***Conversation is a core process. We bring forth our world through networks of conversation- The World Cafe***

# People With Developmental Disabilities & Mental Health Concerns

## People with mental health diagnosis

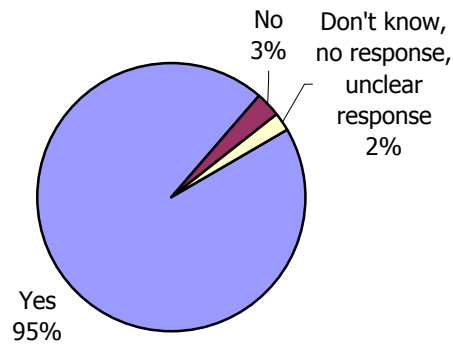


## Does this person need mental health support?

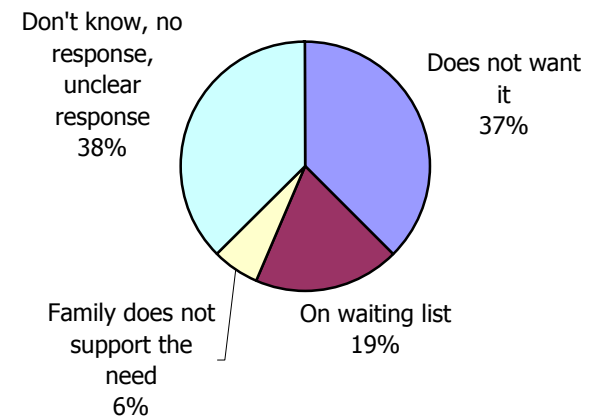


# People With Developmental Disabilities & Mental Health Concerns, continued

**If yes, do they receive mental health support?**



**If they do not receive mental health supports and need them, why not?**

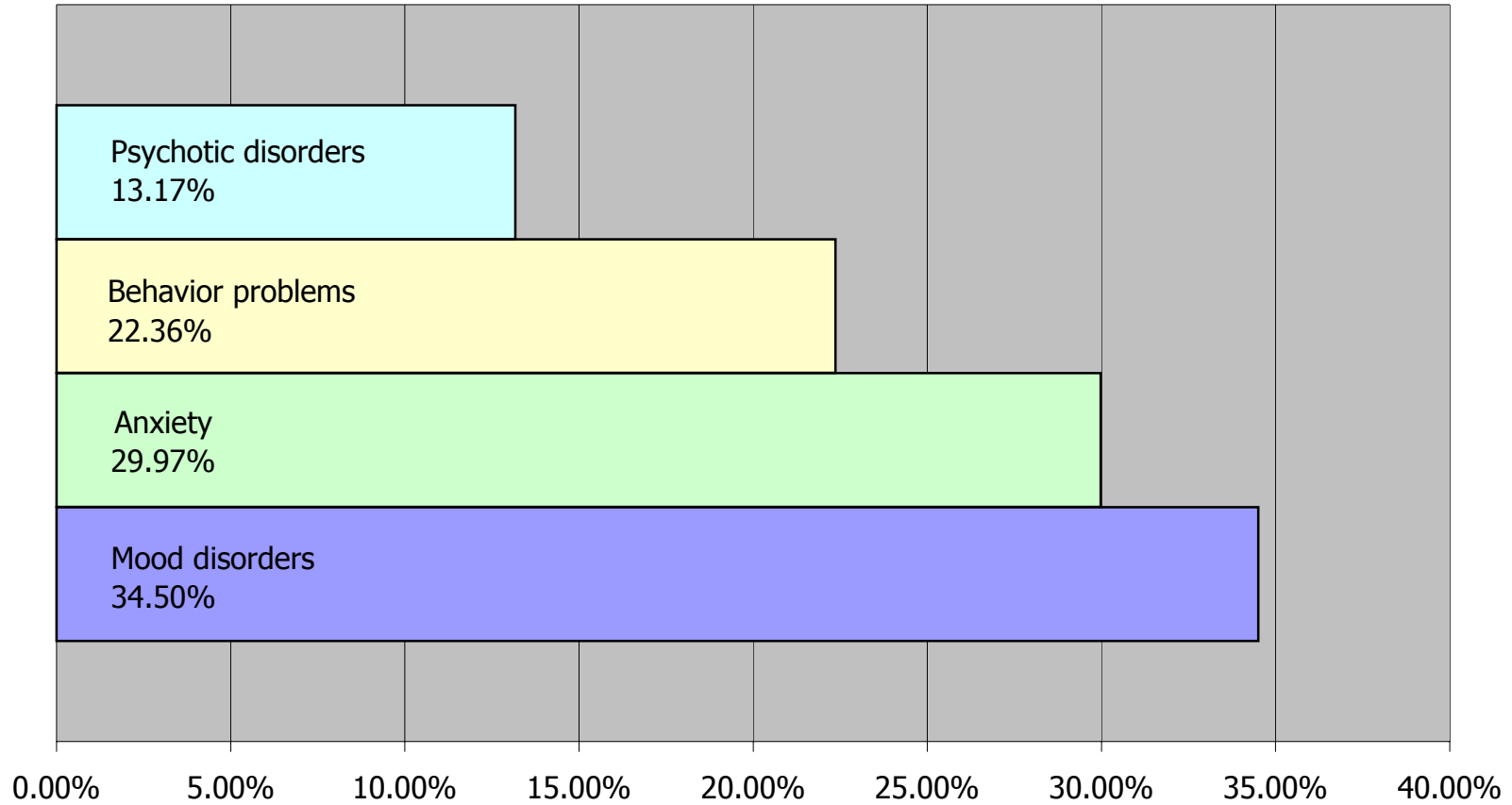


### Comments:

- Of the people visited from 2005-2008, 14.36% have a mental illness diagnosis, however, 34.37% need mental health supports.
- Over the past four years, there was only a total of 3 people who needed mental health supports but were not receiving them due to being on a waiting list.
- People who need and want mental health services seem to be receiving them.

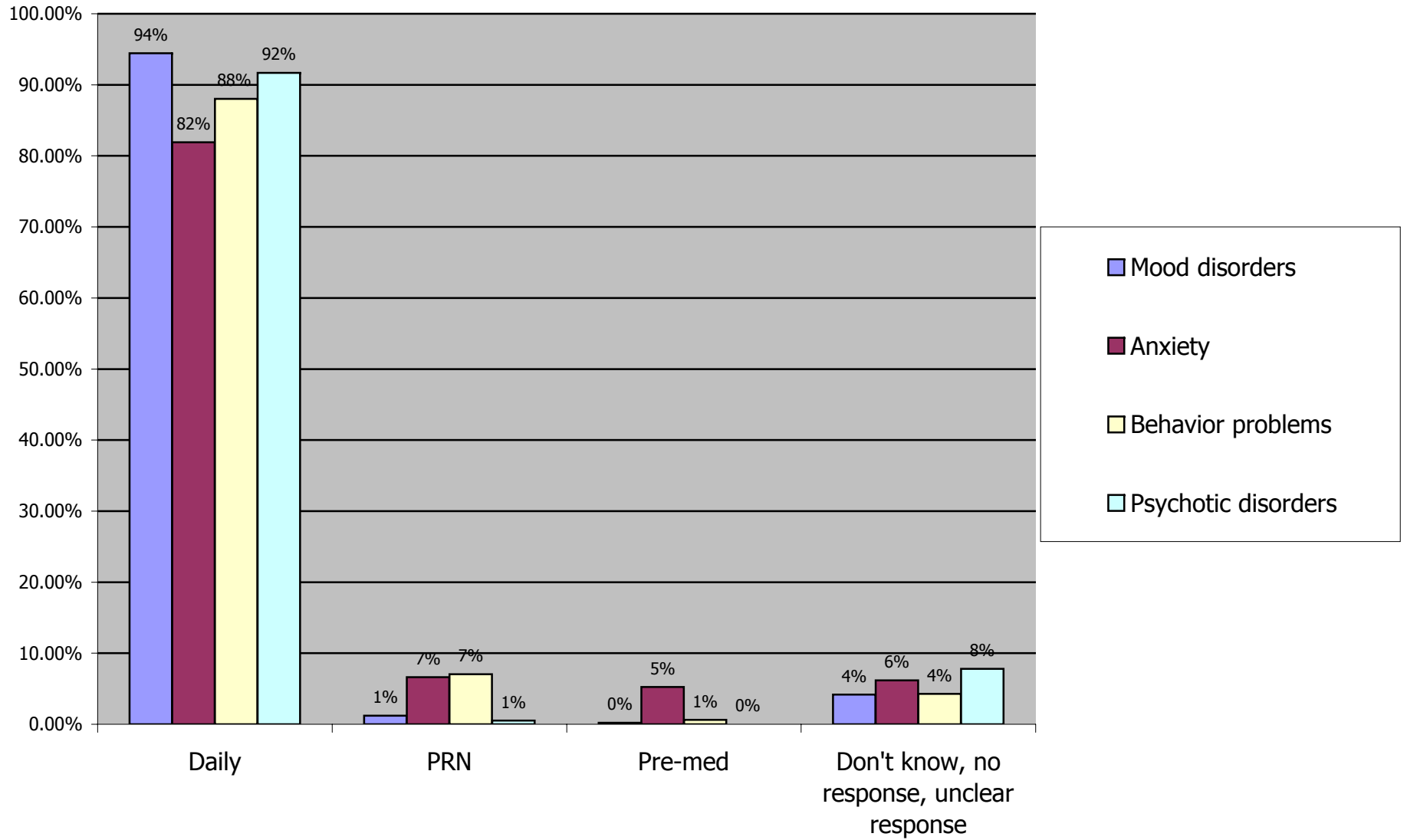
# Medications Prescribed for Mental Health

**Does this person currently take medication for mood disorders, etc?** (Responses may include multiple medications for people)

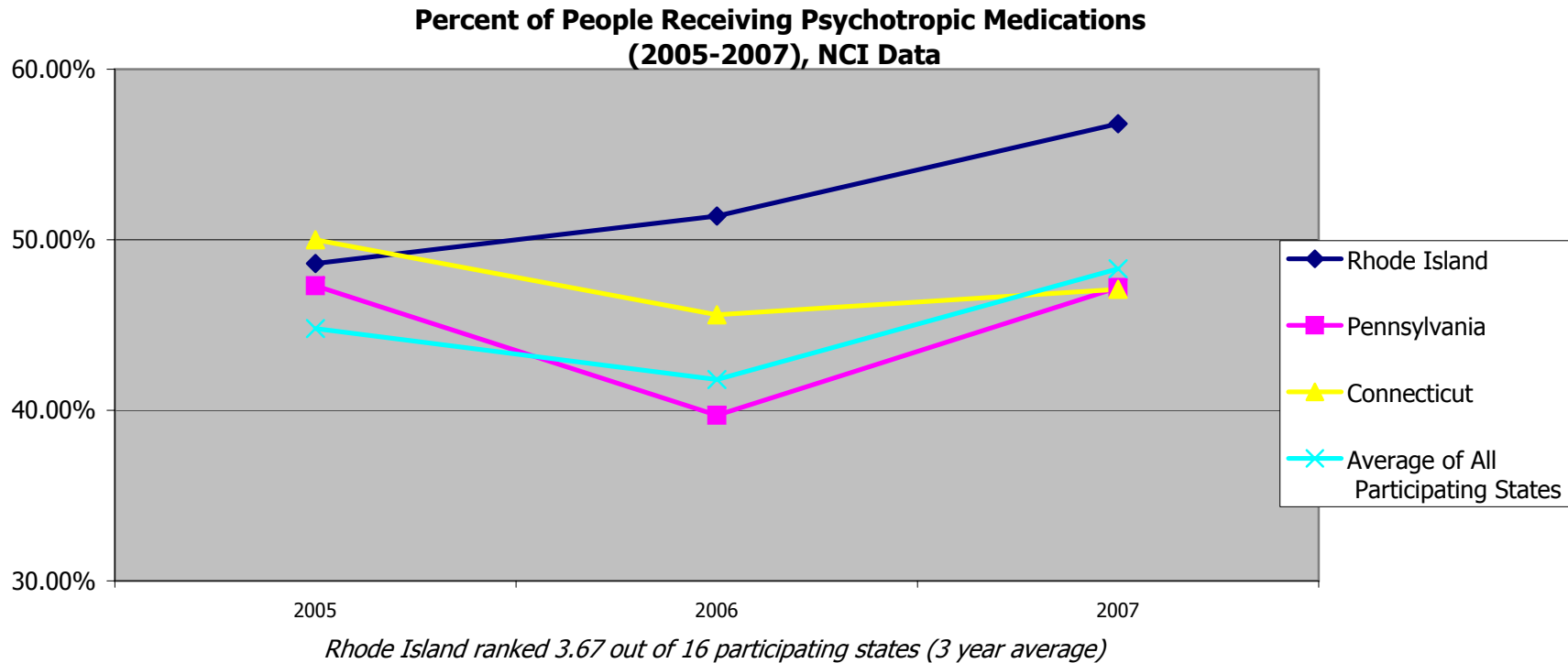


# Medications Prescribed for Mental Health

For each mental health diagnosis, how often is the medication prescribed to be given?



## Medications Prescribed for Mental Health- Combining All Mental Health Diagnoses



### Comments:

- In past years, when RI was compared in the NCI Reports to other states, we had a higher percentage of people taking medications for mood disorders, anxiety, behavior disorders and psychotic disorders. PAL began collecting data on how often the medication was given (daily, prn or pre-med) to determine if there was a higher use of 'prn' or 'as needed' medications which increased the RI percentage. We discovered, averaged over 4 years, that 89% of people take this type of medication daily. In addition, when you combine the types of medications and find annual averages, the percentage of people taking medication daily for mental health issues is rising.