SAP Talking Points – 33 Years

Referrals to SAP teams total 1.6 million+

Average of number referrals per year is approximately 79,905

Majority of referrals occur during:  
Fall (September – October – November) = 42%  
Winter (January - February – March) = 32%

Prevalent referral sources:  
Teacher/Instructional Staff - 598,458  
Non-Instructional Staff - 519,560

Common referral reasons:  
Behavior concerns – 800,031  
Academic concerns – 299,040  
Attendance problems – 245,573  
Suicidal ideation/gesture – 61,196

Referrals by grade:  
K-5  326,591 (20%)  
6-8  501,613 (30%) – highest being 8th grade 15%  
9-12  815,354 (50%) – highest being 9th grade 15%

School-based services provided through involvement with SAP:  
• One-to-one follow-up with a counselor, school psychologists, etc.– 353,832  
• One-to-one follow-up with a Team member or other school personnel– 335,936  
• Academic supports – 205,159  
• Other School Services – 135,564

Community based resources accessed because of involvement with SAP:  
• Screening/Assessment by licensed Mental Health Provider – 274,646  
• Screening by licensed Drug and Alcohol Provider – 127,650  
• Other Community Services – 80,629

2016-17 marks 33 years of SAP implementation in Pennsylvania!

During this time electronic data has been gathered for the past 21 years, and prior was hand tabulated. The 2017-18 data collection is still in progress and not included.

The above figures are aggregated from data collected beginning with the 1996-97 to the 2016-2017 school year and therefore do not reflect all the students referred since the inception of SAP.

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