

Children's Mental Health Crisis

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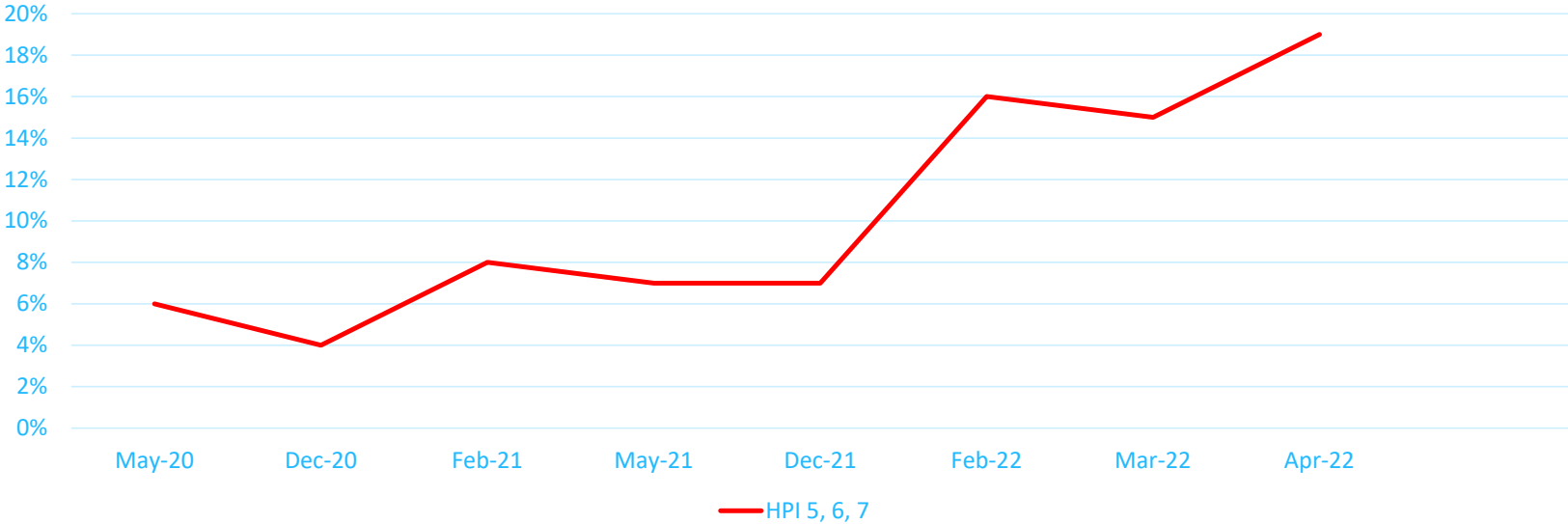


Children's Mental Health Needs on the Rise

- In Orange County, a significant increase is occurring in the number of children experiencing severe and crisis level mental health conditions
- All children's mental health providers—community-based, school-based, clinics, hospitals—are all seeing this increase
- In the Children's Mental Health Access (CMHA) universal screening pilots, this increase has been measured using the Heads Up Checkup screening tool
- Total results at severe and crisis levels have gone from 4% to 6 % in 2020 to 13% to 19% so far this year

Priority Index May 2020- April 2022

HCU Priority Index - 6,047 Adolescent Screenings



HPI 5, 6, 7 (suicidal and/or homicidal ideation)

These Local Increases Align with National Data

- From 2009-2021, the share of American high school students who say they feel "persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness" rose from 26 percent to 44 percent according to a new CDC study. This is an almost 70% increase
- National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) recommends a ratio of 1 school psychologist per 500 students; current NASP data estimate a ratio of 1 per 1,211 students.
- “One out of five children suffers from a mental health condition. That’s more than 150,000 children in Orange County alone.” -CHOC Children’s; This is now expected to be doubled at 2 in 5



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