



Information about the Minnesota Kids Database (MKD)

What is MKD?

A web-based database for agencies who provide school-based mental health services to use for reporting and tracking purposes.



Background

The MN Kids Database (MKD) is a collaborative project involving a number of school-based mental health providers in Minnesota who have various reporting needs. It was built in 2008 in response to a number of agency partners' desire to systematically and consistently report their agency's mental health data. It is managed by Wilder Research, who serves as the project manager of MKD (oversees the budget, and work plan; conducts trainings; develops reports; and serves as a liaison between the advisory group and the web developer). Wilder Research also provides evaluation and research services to some of the agencies who use MKD.



Features

MKD is designed for to help agencies providing school-based mental health services to youth to demonstrate the benefits of school-based mental health services and to build a case for program sustainability. MKD is web-based, allowing users to enter data or run reports at any location with Internet access. It is an integrated data management system developed to assist clinicians and providers better track and report information.

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Types of data tracked

- Client's demographic information, including insurance type
- Description of services provided (session-specific), including date, type of service (individual therapy, family therapy, etc.), length of service, and location of service
- Results of standardized assessments, including the Child and Adolescent Service Intensity Instrument (CASII), Devereux Early Childhood Assessment (DECA), Early Childhood Service Intensity Instrument (ECSII), Psychological Screening Inventory (PSI), and the Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ)
- Details about discharge reasons
- Documentation of school-wide services provided, including date, type, and length of service



Available reports

Currently, there are over 100 reports available to MKD users, including a semi-annual Hennepin County report, the MN Department of Human Services' SLMH quarterly report, demographic summary reports, and many more.

Data ownership

MKD is owned by the agencies who financially contribute to its existence. Each agency has access only to their data and has unlimited access to exporting and importing data out/into the system.

What is the cost

Wilder Research, of the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation, oversees and manages the database. While Wilder Research does not make a profit, there are costs associated with running the web-based system, which include both staff time and external costs (e.g., user and hosting fees). The table below provides a sample overview of the costs to be part of MKD, **but please contact Wilder for specific information as it relates to your agency's needs.**

Fee type	Estimated cost*
One time new agency set up Includes account and user set up, business associate and user agreements, 1 new user web training.	\$875/per agency/1 time
Monthly user fee Includes monthly access to MN Kids, access to over 100 reports, unlimited access to recorded trainings, unlimited ability to creating new reports.	\$18-36 per user/per month (determined by agency size)
Options (for more details and specific pricing, contact Wilder)	
Agency-specific report development	\$125-\$150 hour
Agency-specific upload training and set up	\$125-\$150 hour
Agency-specific evaluation reports	\$100-\$150 hour

* Estimated increase in costs each school year = 3%

Confidentiality and privacy

To use MKD, an agency must sign an agreement, which includes a Business Associate (BA) agreement. Under HIPAA, parent/client notification/consent is not required for agencies that have a signed BA agreement with Wilder to enter information into the MKD. The BA agreement allows an agency to share information with other partners for the purposes of completing business operations (which includes evaluation). Wilder Research's role under the agreement is to ensure that all identifiable information is protected and treated in full accordance with all applicable laws (i.e., HIPAA, FERPA, MN Government Data Practices Act). Agencies are responsible for ensuring that their use of the Database is consistent with their data privacy policies.

Other information

Visit www.mnkidsdata.org to view past reports and information.

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