Wyoming Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists, 2009

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists
Licensed marriage and family therapists (LMFTs) must hold an active Wyoming license to practice in Wyoming. The following Wyoming statistics were calculated based on data from LMFT licensing records and a survey of all licensees conducted for the Wyoming Healthcare Commission in early 2009.

- There were an estimated 9 LMFTs with a Wyoming address per 100,000 Wyoming state residents in 2009.

Wyoming Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Demographics
- 56% of Wyoming LMFTs were female.
- 90% of Wyoming LMFTs recorded their race as white, in combination with no other races.
- 10% of Wyoming LMFTs were of Hispanic or Latino origin.

Wyoming Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists with a Primary Practice Location in Wyoming
- 78% of LMFTs responding to the survey reported that they were practicing and their primary work location was in Wyoming. The following findings are based only on the survey responses of LMFTs with a primary practice location in Wyoming, referred to as “Wyoming LMFTs.”

Age of Wyoming LMFTs, 2009
- The average age of Wyoming LMFTs was 50.

Wyoming LMFTs’ Plans to Retire
- 14% of Wyoming LMFTs planned to retire in the next five years.
Wyoming Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists' Employment Characteristics

Total Weekly Hours Worked by Wyoming LMFTs*

- 23.8% worked <20 hours per week
- 9.5% worked 20-29 hours per week
- 4.8% worked 30-39 hours per week
- 52.4% worked 40-49 hours per week
- 9.5% worked 50+ hours per week

Wyoming LMFTs’ Primary Work Location

- 38.1% worked in an Office
- 19.0% worked in a Federally Qualified Health Center
- 14.3% worked in a Freestanding Clinic
- 14.3% worked in a Residential Treatment Facility
- 14.3% worked in Other*

Major Problems Reported by Wyoming LMFTs

- Rejections of care decisions by insurance companies: 29%
- Insufficient time off: 24%
- Patients’ inability to receive needed care because of inability to pay: 22%
- Non-paying patients/bad debt: 21%
- Inadequate or slow third-party payment: 21%

Wyoming LMFTs’ Primary Employment Arrangement

- 30.0% self-employed, solo practice* (owned by one mental health provider)
- 10.0% self-employed, group practice† (owned by two or more mental health providers)
- 55.0% salaried employment
- 5.0% hourly employment

* Does not include on-call hours.

Wyoming LMFTs in active practice worked an average of 32 total hours weekly.
- 33% worked fewer than 30 hours per week.

- About a quarter of Wyoming LMFTs reported that rejections of care decisions by insurance companies and insufficient time off were major problems for their ability to provide high-quality care.

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Licensing data are from the Wyoming Mental Health Professions Licensing Board. The University of Washington Center for Health Workforce Studies (UW CHWS) developed the survey questionnaire, and the Wyoming Survey & Analysis Center at the University of Wyoming conducted the survey April-June 2009 (response rate 46%). Population data are from the U.S. Census Bureau. The analyses for this report were conducted by the UW CHWS with funding from the Wyoming Healthcare Commission.

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