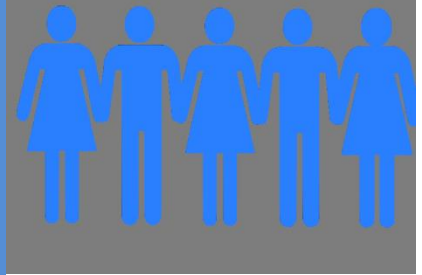


# RAISING *mental health awareness*

## *The facts*

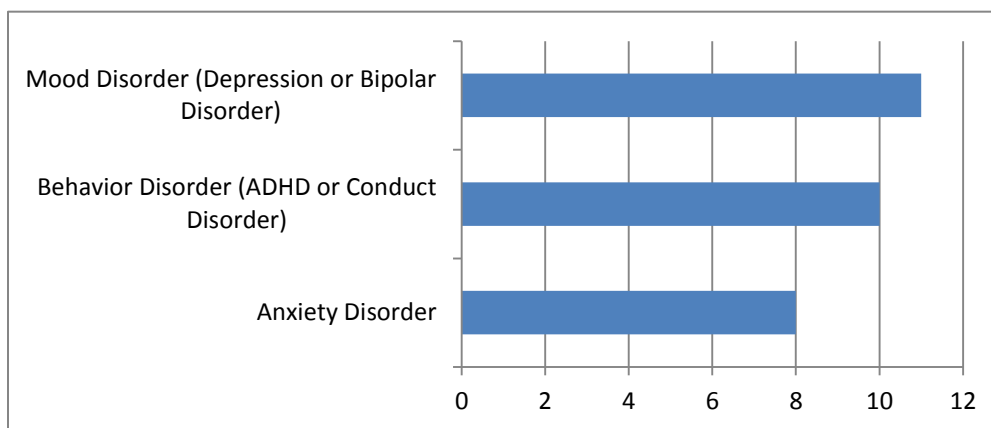


## Early identification and early intervention improves lives.

13% of youth aged 8-15 live with mental illness severe enough to cause significant impairment in their day-to-day lives. This figure jumps to 21% in youth aged 13-18 ([Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry](#)).

50% of all lifetime cases of mental illness begin by age 14 and 75% by age 24 ([NIMH](#)).

Serious mental illness affects the following percentage of youth ... ([NIMH](#))



\*These were the mental illnesses mentioned with the report.

The average delay between onset of symptoms and intervention is 8-10 years ([NIMH](#)). Only 50% of youth with mental illness receive treatment (President Obama, 2013).

Approximately 50% of students aged 14 and older with mental illness drop out of high school—the highest dropout rate of any disability group ([Department of Education](#)).

70% of youth in state and local juvenile justice systems have mental illness, with at least 20% experiencing severe symptoms. This is what can happen for many youth when they aren't connected with mental health services ([National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice](#)).

**We need action and a national commitment to early identification and intervention.**

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