

Speech-Language Pathology Supports and Services Update

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Agenda

- SLP Service Data
- SLP Guidance
- Other Supports for SLPs
- New Initiatives
- Update on Staffing

What is the percentage of SWD who receive SLP services?



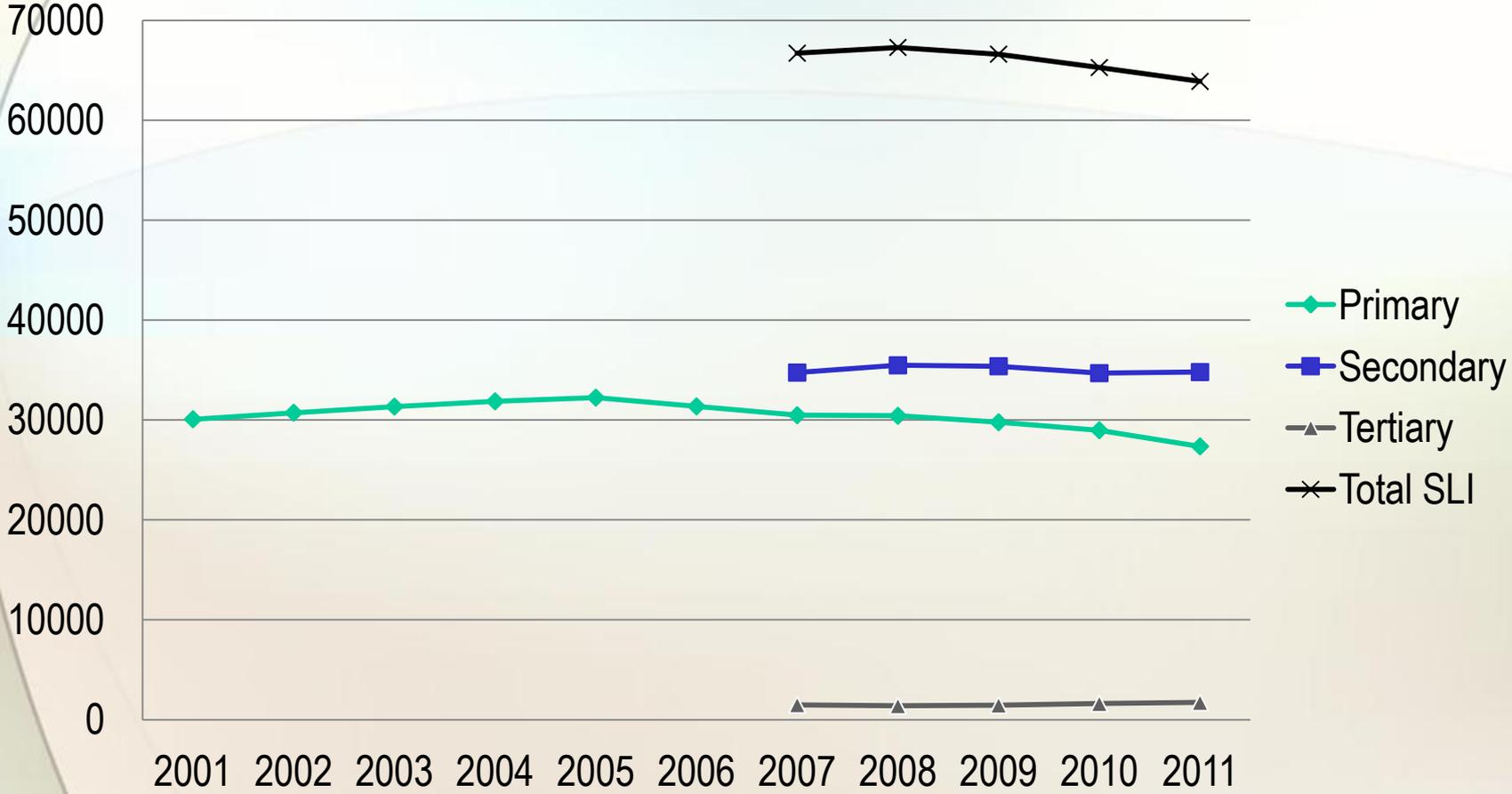
SLP Services and Data

- ~40% of all SWD receive SLP services
- 63,882 – Total SLI
- 27,356 – primary disability
- 36,526 – secondary, tertiary, and related services
- Virginia Caseload limit remains at 68:1

Trends for SLI

- Decrease in Primary SLI and Total SLI
- Secondary and Tertiary remain constant
- Decrease attributed to:
 - Pre-referral interventions
 - Guidance Document and Training
 - Developmental norms
 - Eligibility Criteria
 - Assessments
 - Dialect
 - Educational vs. Medical

Child Count Data: Student Reported as SLI



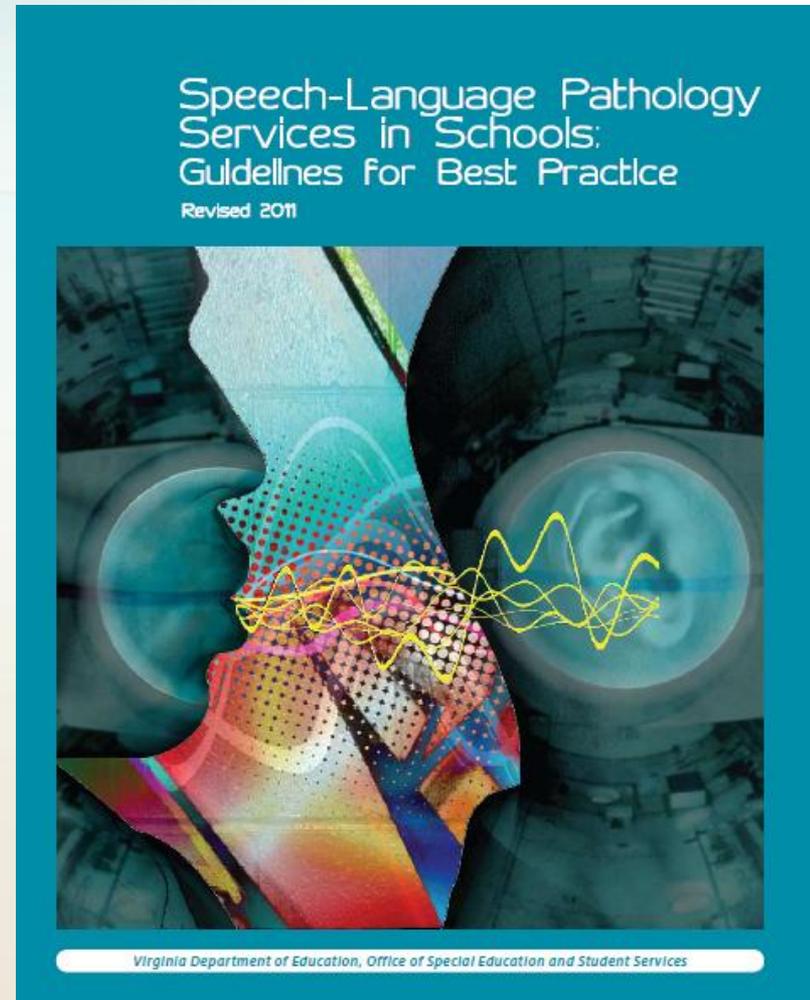
Staffing Update

- Fewer Shortages
- Support for LEAs
 - Materials
 - VIP-SLP Program
- Facts:
 - LEAs with appropriate caseloads and best practices have less difficulty
 - Rural areas are still impacted



VDOE SLP Guidance Document

- Revision released August 2011
- Training across Virginia 2011-2012
- Follow up training for new hires
- Used by most VA graduate programs
- Adopted by other states with permission



2011 SLP Guidelines (Blue Book)

- Added content sections on:
 - Comprehensive Assessment
 - Evidence Based Practice (EBP)
 - Data Collection
 - Data Analysis
 - Language Diversity
 - Phonological Processes
 - Autism
 - Forms

Frequently Accessed Pages

- Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) – p 11
- Documentation and Data – p 13
- Comprehensive Assessment – p 17
- Eligibility Criteria - p 34
- Language Diversity – p 53
- Phonological Processes – p 61
- Assessment /Therapy Forms – p 89-131

Talking EBP

- Twice yearly newsletter for SLPs
- Free and archived on VDOE website
- 5 Sections in each issue
 - Need to Know
 - Test your Knowledge
 - Practically Speaking
 - Working with Data
 - More to Explore

Telepractice

- Permissible by CMS
- No used often because states are 'silent' or have limited guidance
- Possible to address shortages using this method
 - Long term
 - Short term
 - Special populations

Telepractice in VA

- Multi-year initiative
- Collaboration with DMAS, JMU, & UNCG
- Pilot program
 - Year 1 - Set up and implementation
 - Year 2 - Student data collection
- Participating LEAs
 - Wise and Brunswick
- Provided therapy for students
- Documented processes used for DMAS

Outcomes

- Students made progress
- DMAS reviewed and made needed adjustments to policy
 - RMTS – How to record contractors
 - Simultaneous provider billing – SLP and PCA
 - Oct. 2011 announced changes and support for telepractice by SLPs in Virginia Schools
- New SLP providers to meet needs
- National coverage of Success
 - NAME Conference, ASHA Leader, & ASHA webinars

Next Steps

- Share VA process with other states
- Continue to refine VA processes
- Training for LEAs on use for short term and long term vacancies and special populations
- Possible Year 3 project – Examine evaluation using telepractice

Continued Areas of Attention

- Medicaid & Telepractice
- EBP & Therapy Practices
 - Effectiveness, Efficiency, and Density of Responses
- EBP & Comprehensive Assessment
 - Educational vs. Medical
 - Dialect
 - Appropriate use of all data types
- Low or Non-Verbal Communication
 - Assessment and Use of Devices & Target Selection
- Apraxia



Questions

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