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This News brief alerts you to the following report: LeRoy, L., & Schwartz, A. L. (2005). Foundation funding for children's health: An overview of recent trends. The Foundation Center. Available at: http://fdncenter.org/research/trends_analysis/pdf/childhealth.pdf

The report details the period 1999-2003 and provides analyses of funding distributions for public health and mental health, substance abuse, and access and disparities; it also includes profiles of leading grantmakers and an essay on the principle trends influencing foundation support for children's health. Some notable trends:

"Funding for mental health treatment and reform doubled between 1999-2003, raising its share of children's health grant dollars from 6.7% to nearly 9%. The field also received the second largest share of number of children's health grants (18.4%, up from 16.4% in 1999)" (p. 6).

"Among other top mental health funders, much of their giving provided operating or capital support for mental health care treatment facilities" (p. 7).

"Support for efforts to improve access to care for the uninsured and eliminate disparities in care represented 7.5% of children's health grant dollars and just under 5% of grants in 2003" (p. 7).

"Giving for substance abuse treatment and prevention declined by over two-fifths between 1999 and 2003" (p. 7).

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