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This news brief alerts you to the following report:

Simpson, G. A., Cohen, R. A., Pastor, P. N., & Reuben, C. A. (2008). Use of mental health services in the past 12 months by children aged 4-17 years: United States, 2005-2006. NCHS data brief, no 8. Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics. Available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/databriefs/db08.htm>

(1) In 2005-2006, 15% of U. S. children aged 4-17 years had parents who talked to a health care provider or school staff about their child's emotional or behavioral difficulties.

(2) Approximately 5% of children were prescribed medication for difficulties with emotions or behavior. A large majority of these children were prescribed medication for symptoms of attention deficit-hyperactivity disorder.

(3) Approximately 5% of children received "treatment other than medication" for emotional or behavioral difficulties. Of this group, 60% received treatment from a mental health private practice, clinic, or center.

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