How do I access services through Central Intake?

Telephone Intake by calling 724.662.2230

Mental Health or Drug & Alcohol Assessment at Central Intake (if necessary)

Referral to Treatment (if indicated)

Hours of Operation:
Monday through Friday
8:30 am to 4:30pm

The Mercer County Behavioral Health Commission provides preferential services to pregnant women and women with children who are seeking drug and alcohol treatment.

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24 hour Crisis Intervention Services: 724.662.2227

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Central Intake Unit

The MCBHC Central Intake Unit (CIU) is responsible for the intake, assessment, and level of service determination for individuals seeking publicly funded drug and alcohol, mental health and intellectual disabilities (D&A/MR/ID) services in Mercer County. The Central Intake Unit also provides Mental Health Crisis Intervention Services.

The assessment process is conducted to ensure that individuals with D&A/MH challenges have access to services and a full continuum of care by identifying, referring, and authorizing appropriate levels of care. The assessment consists of a face-to-face evaluation. Based on the information gathered, the CIU will be able to make a referral to the appropriate treatment environment.

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Accessible Mental Health Services

Early Intervention (EI): Early Intervention Program services and supports are designed to help families with children with developmental delays from birth to 3 years old.

Outpatient Mental Health: Mental Health counseling to consumers of all ages in a facility based setting typically one hour per week.

Psychiatric Medication Management: Access to medical professionals for the purpose of psychotropic medication consultation, evaluation, and management.

Behavioral Health Rehabilitative Services (Wraparound): Community based mental health services designed to "wrap around" the child or adolescent and provide support wherever treatment is needed.

Family Based Mental Health (FBMH): A time limited (up to 8 months) intensive therapeutic service designed to help provide parents with strategies to care for their children and adolescents with mental health needs at home; to prevent hospitalization or other out of home placement.

Partial Hospitalization Program: Community Based intensive treatment for children and adolescents containing both academic and therapeutic components

Crisis Intervention Services: Provides assistance in promoting emotional well-being and resolution of the immediate stressors to stabilize the situation. A crisis worker will ensure the safety of the individual from self harm and provide for the safety of others. These services are available 24 hours/day, 7 days/week by calling 724.662.2227 or 1.888.275.7009.

Multisystemic Therapy (MST): An intensive family and community-based treatment that addresses the multiple determinants of serious antisocial behavior. MST is provided using a home-based model of services delivery targeting chronic, violent, or substance abusing adolescents, ages 12-17, at high risk of out-of-home placement and their families. . Services are typically delivered from 5-20 hours per week, last from 4-6 months, and include on call crisis availability 24/7.

Residential Treatment Facility (RTF): Residential treatment provides 24-hour services in a licensed facility. Children and adolescents receive therapeutic intervention and specialized programming in a controlled environment with a high degree of supervision.

Blended Case management (BCM): Case management services are designed to provide assistance in accessing, linking, coordinating, and monitoring of services from multiple systems (e.g., mental health, physical health, social, educational entitlements) for those adults with serious and persistent mental illness and children with a serious mental illness or emotional disorder and their families

Accessible Drug & Alcohol Services

Outpatient (OP): Chemical dependency counseling to consumers of all ages typically one hour per week.

Multi-Dimensional Family Therapy (MDFT): An outpatient approach to therapy which includes both the adolescent and the family. The goal of MDFT is to significantly reduce or eliminate an adolescents substance abuse and other problem behavior.

Inpatient Non-Hospital Detoxification (INHD): This is provided either in a hospital or in a residential facility. A member will usually stay 7 to 14 days. The focus is on group, individual and family (if desired by the member) sessions and on learning recovery concepts –staying sober or clean. Members will learn about recovery support such as AA and NA.

Inpatient Non-Hospital Rehabilitation (INHR): This is a short, intense service most often done on an inpatient or residential setting. The focus is both medical and behavioral and is aimed at dealing with the **physical withdrawal from a substance**. Often, a member will be in detox for two or three days and then will go immediately into rehab.

Drug & Alcohol Intensive Case Coordination: D/A CC assists adults and adolescents with drug and alcohol abuse or dependency in identifying specific needs for services. D/A CC services assist clients in setting goals to address obstacles that may be hindering their ability to successfully complete treatment and maintain their sobriety. D/A CC does not replace substance abuse treatment but is designed to provide additional support to enhance the recovery process.