

ACCESSIBLE SERVICES

- Youth Alternatives Intervention Program
- Outpatient Counseling
- Intensive Outpatient Counseling
- Partial Hospitalization
- Methadone Maintenance
- Halfway House
- Inpatient Non-Hospital & Hospital Detoxification
- Inpatient Non-Hospital & Hospital Rehabilitation
- Medication Management
- Inpatient Psychiatric Care
- Social Rehabilitation
- Family Based Mental Health Services
- Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services
- Psychological Evaluation
- Residential Services
- Early Intervention Services
- Case Management



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The Mercer County Behavioral Health Commission provides preferential service for pregnant women.

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Central Intake Unit

The Mercer County Behavioral Health Commission (MCBHC) Central Intake Unit is the gatekeeper and point-of-contact for individuals needing substance abuse, mental health, and/or intellectual disability services.

The MCBHC Central Intake Unit is responsible for the intake, assessment, and level of service determination for individuals seeking publicly funded drug and alcohol, mental health, and intellectual disability (D&A/MH/ID) services in Mercer County. The Central Intake Unit also provides mental health emergency and crisis services.

When an individual is identified as being in need of services, referral should be made to the Central Intake Unit for evaluation. Individuals receiving Medical Assistance through the PA Department of Public Welfare are screened by our agency prior to treatment for a placement consideration.

The assessment process is conducted to ensure that individuals with D&A/MH/ID problems have access to service in a full continuum of care by identifying, referring, and authorizing appropriate levels of care. The evaluation consists of a face-to-face interview with the person. Based on the information gathered, the Central Intake Unit will be able to make a referral to the appropriate treatment environment.

If the individual is identified as needing services, a full continuum of care is available through local and statewide contracted providers.

CRISIS INTERVENTION & EMERGENCY SERVICES

The MCBHC Central Intake Unit is responsible for mental health crisis/emergency. A crisis is an immediate stress-producing situation which causes acute problems of disturbed thought, behavior, mood, or social relationships that requires immediate intervention. An emergency is a



situation or condition which appears to threaten the life or well-being of the individual or others that requires immediate inpatient assessment and

treatment.

Our 24-hour emergency services include:

- Immediate Telephone Intervention
- Assessment
- Screening
- Disposition
- Referral
- Follow-up Service



When the situation is warranted, mobile crisis intervention and delegate services are conducted at the site where the crisis is occurring.

Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services (BHRS) are available in

Mercer County for children and adolescents with an emotional disturbance and/or mental illness. BHRS, or "Wraparound" programs, are intended to provide intensive services to children and adolescents at home or in the community in order to prevent more restrictive placements. Two MCBHC Wraparound monitors participate in interagency service planning meetings to ensure that all mental health and other community-based options are explored for each client. BHC also offers child/adolescent complex case coordination services to children receiving BHRS for extended periods of time, families with multiple children involved with BHRS & children initiating BHRS at high risk of psychiatric hospitalization D&A residential level of care.

The Forensic Case Management program offers multiple services to the inmates of the jail including Assessment & Evaluation Services, Psycho-Educational Group Programming, as well as Crisis Intervention Services. Four types of assessments are conducted; Drug & Alcohol, DUI, Mental Health and Dual Evaluations. The Forensic Program offers three types of Psycho-Educational Groups throughout the year; Drug & Alcohol, Relapse Intervention and Mental Health Groups. Along with each group, inmates have the option of permitting family members to meet with a Forensic Case Manager at the completion of a group session. The family meeting is held to offer support and educational material on a variety of relevant family-related topics. When an inmate may be experiencing an acute mental health issue, Crisis Intervention Services are also available through the Forensic Staff and the BHC's Crisis Intervention Specialists.