

Overview of Direct Services

General administration of publicly funded substance abuse, mental health, and intellectual disability services in Mercer County is achieved through fiscal, information management and quality assurance functions within the Mercer County Behavioral Health Commission (MCBHC). Specific consumer services offered directly by MCBHC include:

- ◆ Prevention Services
- ◆ Central Intake, Evaluation and Emergency Services
- ◆ Case Management

Prevention - MCBHC works to provide comprehensive alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention strategies that are structured to reduce individual and environmental risk factors and to increase resiliency factors in individuals. The strategies include information dissemination, education, promotion of community based programming, environmental initiatives and positive alternatives that exclude the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Prevention Specialists serve as substance abuse and mental health liaisons to the community at large and Mercer County Student Assistance Teams at junior and senior high schools, and Mercer County Student Assistance Teams at all 12 public school districts as well as Kennedy Catholic and Keystone Charter School. Prevention programs include but are not limited to:

- ◆ Parenting Wisely – Young Child Edition
- ◆ Mercer County K.I.D.S. Program
- ◆ Strengthening Families Program: For Parents and Youth 10-14



- ◆ Student Assistance Program
- ◆ Tobacco Cessation Services & Vaping Education
- ◆ Mental Health, Behavioral Health and/or Drug and Alcohol Services
- ◆ Crisis Hotline

Central Intake, Evaluation and Emergency Services– MCBHC is responsible for the intake assessment and level of service determination for individuals seeking publicly funded drug and alcohol, mental health and intellectual disability services in Mercer County. The Central Intake Unit also provides mental health emergency and crisis services. The assessment process is conducted to ensure individuals with D&A/MH/ID problems access service in a full continuum of care by identifying, referring, and authorizing appropriate levels of care. Based on the information gathered, the Central Intake Unit will be able to make a referral to the appropriate treatment environment.

Case Management - MCBHC provides individuals with assistance in the areas of needs assessment, service planning, service coordination, linkage to community supports and resources, and service delivery monitoring. These services are strength-based, voluntary in nature, and work to improve the individual's independence in such life areas as daily living. Activities of Case Management include: housing, education/vocational development, social supports/recreation, financial benefits/budgeting, and health/medical status. The MCBHC offers the following Case Management Programs:

- ◆ Mental Health Blended Case Management for individuals with mental health issues
- ◆ Intellectual Disabilities Supports Coordination Services for individuals (children and adults) with intellectual disabilities
- ◆ Drug & Alcohol Case Coordination to assist adults and adolescents with drug and alcohol abuse or dependency
- ◆ Early Intervention Service Coordination for children birth to three years with a developmental delay
- ◆ Forensic Case Management to individuals incarcerated at the County Prison, providing assessment and evaluation, group programming and crisis intervention

- ◆ Complex Case Coordination for children, adolescents, and families who are referred to and receiving BHRS services

Additional Services:

- ◆ **Mobile Psychiatric Nursing** - MCBHC provides Mobile Psychiatric Nursing (MPN) services to assist individuals with Serious Mental Illness who are residing in a community setting and are experiencing difficulties maintaining adherence to their medication regimen.
- ◆ **Recovery Specialist Services** - MCBHC provides Recovery Specialist Services to individuals with addiction issues or co-occurring mental health and addiction issues in need of outreach, mentoring, and peer support in all states of the recovery process. This service is provided by a PCB Certified D&A Recovery Specialist.
- ◆ **Peer Specialist Services** - MCBHC provides services to the consumer who meets the Seriously Mentally Ill (SMI) criteria to promote the knowledge to access and utilize available services and resources specified in the Individual's Recovery Plan. This service is provided by a Certified Peer Specialist.
- ◆ **Drug & Alcohol Utilization Review** - provides funding opportunities for individuals with limited or no Medical Assistance insurance the opportunity to address substance abuse problems in a residential setting.
- ◆ **BHRS Monitor Services** - available for children and adolescents diagnosed with an emotional disturbance and/or mental illness. BHRS Monitors serve as county designees who participate in Interagency Service Planning Team meetings.
- ◆ **Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT)** - serves the Behavioral Health needs of Mercer County in times of critical incident and/or disaster.

The Mercer County Behavioral Health Commission offers a full array of treatment and support services for children, adolescents, and adults through its contracted provider network.

- *Inpatient, Partial Hospitalization, Intensive Outpatient and Outpatient Services*
- *Non-Hospital Drug and Alcohol Residential Treatment, including Detoxification, Rehabilitation, and Halfway House Services*
- *Methadone and Vivitrol Treatment*
- *Family-Based Mental Health Services*
- *Residential, Vocations, and Community Employment and Family Support Services*
- *Specialized Therapeutic Services for Children Ages Birth to Three Years with a Developmental Delay*

MISSION, VISION, VALUES

***MISSION:** The Mercer County Behavioral Health Commission is a non-profit organization that assists individuals and families experiencing substance abuse, mental illness, or developmental challenges through the administration, coordination, and delivery of a service system committed to promoting recovery and improving the quality of life of those served.*

***VISION:** The Mercer County BHC will exemplify leadership, innovation, and excellence with human service delivery in Mercer County and the region.*

***VALUES:** Professionalism, Respect, Teamwork and Commitment. These values are embedded in our daily work and lives. They form the foundation for our relationships with each other and with our diverse stakeholders.*

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for the Past 35 Years!**

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