

Central Intake Unit

The Mercer County Behavioral Health Commission (MCBHC) Central Intake Unit is a central 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.

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 concerns have access to service in a full continuum of care by identifying, referring, and authorizing appropriate levels of care. In most cases, 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. Case Coordinators are available to assist those with substance use disorders throughout the entire recovery process.

A full continuum of care is available through local and statewide contracted providers for each type of service.

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:

- Telephone Crisis
- Mobile Crisis
- Walk-in Crisis
- Assessment
- Screening
- Disposition
- Referrals
- Follow-up Service



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

The Forensic Case Management

Program offers multiple services to the inmates of the Mercer County Prison 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 Co-occurring. The Forensic Program offers three types of Psycho-Educational Groups throughout the year; Drug & Alcohol, Relapse Intervention and Mental Health

Groups. 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. The Forensic Case Manager is also a point of contact for individuals being released from State Correctional Institutions.

ACCESSIBLE SERVICES

- Intervention Services
- Outpatient Counseling
- Intensive Outpatient Counseling
- Partial Hospitalization
- Halfway House
- Inpatient Non-Hospital & Hospital Detoxification
- Inpatient Non-Hospital & Hospital Rehabilitation
- Medication Assisted Treatment
- Medication Management
- Inpatient Psychiatric Care
- Social Rehabilitation
- Family Based Mental Health Services
- Multisystemic Therapy
- Psychological Evaluation
- Residential Services
- Early Intervention Services
- Case Management
- MH Peer Services & Certified Recovery Services
- Mobile Psych Nursing



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

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