



# *DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES*

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## Division of Substance Abuse & Mental Health

### **INSIDE DSAMH:** *MISSION, SERVICES, AND IMPACT*

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# About DSAMH

Division within the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS)



Delaware's state authority for adult behavioral health



Provides, funds, and oversees mental health and substance use services





# Mission and Purpose



Promote recovery, resilience, and wellness



Support individuals with serious mental illness and substance use disorders



Build a coordinated system of care





# Who We Serve

Adults (18+) with:

Serious and Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI)

Substance Use Disorder (SUD)

Co-occurring mental health and substance use needs

Primarily uninsured or underinsured individuals





# Special Populations

Individuals experiencing  
housing instability

Justice-involved populations

Transition Age Youth

People in psychiatric crisis

Individuals transitioning from  
hospital to community





# Behavioral Health and Civil Rights

People with mental health and substance use disorders are protected under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Protection extends to housing, employment, and access to services

DSAMH upholds these rights through policy and provider oversight





# Prevalence of Behavioral Health Needs



Behavioral health disorders  
affect thousands of Delawareans  
annually



High prevalence of co-occurring  
mental health and substance use  
needs



Emphasis on early intervention,  
treatment, and recovery support





# Ensuring Quality of Care

DSAMH continues to strengthen program quality

Focus areas include:

- Housing quality for individuals with SMI
- Provider accountability through the PROMISE audit tool
- Data-driven performance improvement







# Client Preparation and Engagement Center (CPEC)

CPEC at DPC helps clients build real-life skills for independence

Graduates demonstrate ability to cook, clean, and manage household tasks

Donations accepted for graduating clients and program needs





# Strengthening the Continuum of Care

## Promoting

Promoting wellness, dignity, and recovery for all Delawareans

## Driving

Driving integration and accountability across prevention, treatment, and recovery supports

## Advancing

Advancing equity and civil rights

## Investing

Investing in quality improvement and provider accountability

## Innovating

Innovating through programs to improve engagement and outcome



# Thank you!

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