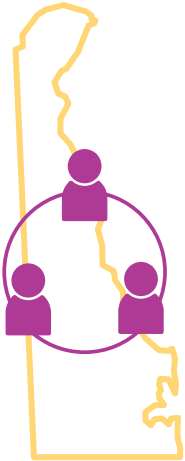


MULTISYSTEM HEALTHY ACTION COMMITTEE (MSHAC)



Division of Public Health (DPH) Home Visiting supervisors; Division of Family Services (DFS) administrators, supervisors, and caseworkers; and representatives from birthing hospitals, treatment providers, and various other community partners and organizations interested in the care and support of individuals and families experiencing a substance use disorder have come together to form the Delaware Multisystem Healthy Action Committee (MSHAC). The committee's inaugural meeting took place in September 2016, and regular meetings continue across all three counties to foster ongoing collaboration.

The charge of MSHAC is to plan how to serve individuals and families with a substance use disorder better through a multiagency approach. Agenda topics for these meetings have included sharing resources and educational materials, updates from local treatment providers, coordination of services and referrals, tips for using the DFS reporting hotline, and related state legislation — and even walking through specific substance use disorder cases in each agency. Supervisors and agency representatives are asked to relay information back to their staff of professionals, who work directly with clients with a substance use disorder as well as their families.

In addition, these meetings have provided a venue for sharing state and federal requirements, such as the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016 requirement of the Plan of Safe Care (POSC) process and procedures. Having a consensus between agencies in these meetings has helped improve communication, referrals, collaboration, and resource sharing regarding substance use disorder services.

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