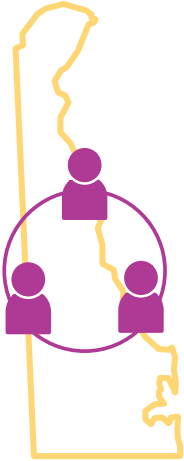


MULTISYSTEM HEALTHY ACTION COMMITTEE (MSHAC)



The **DELAWARE MULTISYSTEM HEALTHY ACTION COMMITTEE (MSHAC)** was formed through the partnership of Division of Public Health (DPH) Home Visiting supervisors and Division of Family Services (DFS) administrators, supervisors, and caseworkers, along with representatives from birthing hospitals, treatment providers, and various community partners and organizations dedicated to supporting individuals and families affected by a substance use disorder. The committee held its inaugural meeting in September 2016 and continues to hold regular meetings across all three counties to promote 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. Meeting agenda topics have included sharing resources and educational materials, providing updates from local treatment providers, coordinating services and referrals, offering guidance on using the DFS reporting hotline, discussing relevant state legislation, and reviewing specific substance use disorder cases within various agencies. 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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