

OMHSAS Mission

The Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, in collaboration with other appropriate state offices, will ensure local access to a comprehensive array of quality mental health and substance abuse services that are reflective of the needs of Pennsylvania citizens, effectively managed and coordinated, and responsive to a dynamic and changing health care environment.

OMHSAS Vision

Every individual served by the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services system will have the opportunity for growth, recovery, and inclusion in their community, have access to culturally competent services and supports of their choice, and enjoy a quality of life that includes family and friends.

OMHSAS Guiding Principles

The Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services System will provide quality services and supports that:

- Facilitate recovery for adults and resiliency for children.
- Are responsive to individuals' unique strengths and needs throughout their lives.
- Focus on prevention and early intervention.
- Recognize, respect, and accommodate differences as they relate to culture/ethnicity/race, religion, gender identity, and sexual orientation.
- Ensure individual human rights and eliminate discrimination and stigma.
- Are provided in a comprehensive array by unifying programs and funding that build on natural and community supports unique to each individual and family.
- Are developed, monitored, and evaluated in partnership with consumers, families, and advocates.
- Represent collaboration with other agencies and service systems.