



DCMHS Kids Line

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Ruth Ann Minner,
Governor

A Newsletter from the Division of Child Mental Health Services
Department of Service for Children, Youth and Their Families
State of Delaware

Cari DeSantis,
Cabinet Secretary

DCMHS Kids Line April

Message from the DCMHS Director:

*Spring is traditionally a season of birth, growth and hope. In this edition of Kids Line you can read about the **birth** of **Respite Care** designed for families whose children have mental illness or abuse substances and an **Evening Reporting Center** for youth in juvenile justice. These are **NEW** services in the Delaware Children's Department!*

*You can learn about the **growth** to date of programs such as **Strengthening Families**, and the positive developments in the lives of children and youth served in **Individual Residential Treatment, Drug Court** and the **F.A.C.T. Project**.*

*Thanks to the families, providers and to the dedicated staff in DCMHS, across this Department and in collaborative state agencies for sharing your knowledge, skill and commitment. You brought to fruition these new services and developed improved programs. I ask that you join with me to approach our future with renewed **hope** for the children, youth and families we serve.
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A Comprehensive System of Care to meet the needs of Delaware's Children

DCMHS Receives Stellar JCAHO Accreditation



The Delaware Division of Child Mental Health Services was site-surveyed by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) in December, 2003. DCMHS received an over all score of **97%**, higher than the two previous scores (91% in 2000 and 88% in 1997). Only one Type One recommendation was made, regarding the need for stronger infrastructure/support staffing to enhance the Division's ability to manage its core functions. Governor Minner's decision to lift the hiring freeze is helpful in addressing this JCAHO recommendation.

Congratulations to all staff and providers and thanks to Governor Minner !!!!!!!!!!!

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Department News—Division of Family Services (DFS)



Reach beyond your
Expectations!

Division of Family Services ~ Strengthening Families

DFS's Office of Prevention and Early Intervention continues to offer this evidence-based, SAM-HSA-endorsed, nationally recognized family skills training program for parents and their children, provided by Children and Families First. It is based on studies which show that children grow up best when parents/caregivers communicate emotional support and practice consistent discipline. Program participants learn to make these two concepts a core foundation of their family life. Classes are organized on an as needed basis and grouped by age (3-5yrs, 6-11 yrs, 12—16 yrs).

Only 5 families have been referred by DCMHS to this intervention program to date. It is available statewide, now covers adolescents as well as children and is FREE to participants. Each session begins with families enjoying a light dinner, followed by separate groups for parents/caregivers and children, then a joint session in which skills learned are practiced and further developed. Prizes and gifts are given each week. Childcare is available/free.

Families can sign up by calling: NCC—1-800-734-2388 and in K/S 302- 856-2388.

For class schedule/content visit the website: www.cffde.org

Department News— Div. of Youth Rehabilitative Services (DYRS)

DSCYF, Family Court, the Attorney General's Office and the Office of the Public Defender continue to collaborate with the Annie E. Casey Foundation and Delaware's Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Project. In March, the first detention alternative program, **FIRST CHANCE EVENING REPORTING CENTER**, will open, operated by A Friend of the Family Inc., co-funded by the AECF and the Delaware Criminal Justice Council. First Chance will operate Tuesday thru Saturday, 4:00 pm—9:00 pm offering youth participating a nutritious meal, homework assistance and structured activities through this statistically indicated high-risk period. Transportation will be provided for City of Wilmington youth.

DYRS is collaborating with the Youth Law Center to develop a **Self-Inspection Instrument**, which will allow DYRS to evaluate conditions of confinement by the end of March. A team of DSCYF staff and community representatives will be trained by the Youth Law Center to complete the self-inspections. AECF intends to use this tool as a model for all participating jurisdictions nation-wide.

DCMHS staff chair the AECF Collaborative's Subcommittee on Mental Health, participate in several other subcommittees, and attend monthly collaborative meetings.

Department News—Office of Case Management (OCM)

The Holistic Services Team has completed seven months of operations. Following a careful review of a time study presented in 12/03 to the Secretary by the HST Manager, the decision was made to keep the complement of cases for the team to 36. By maintaining this caseload size, the team hopes to improve its one-on-one time with youth and their families from 25% to the best practices national benchmark of 30%.

On March 31, 2004, HST will present to the Department's strategic planning committee, called the "Guiding Coalition." Team members will provide personal updates on the work the team has accomplished to date. Cost analysis reports and child outcome data in the form of CAFAS reports will be shared along with individual success stories.



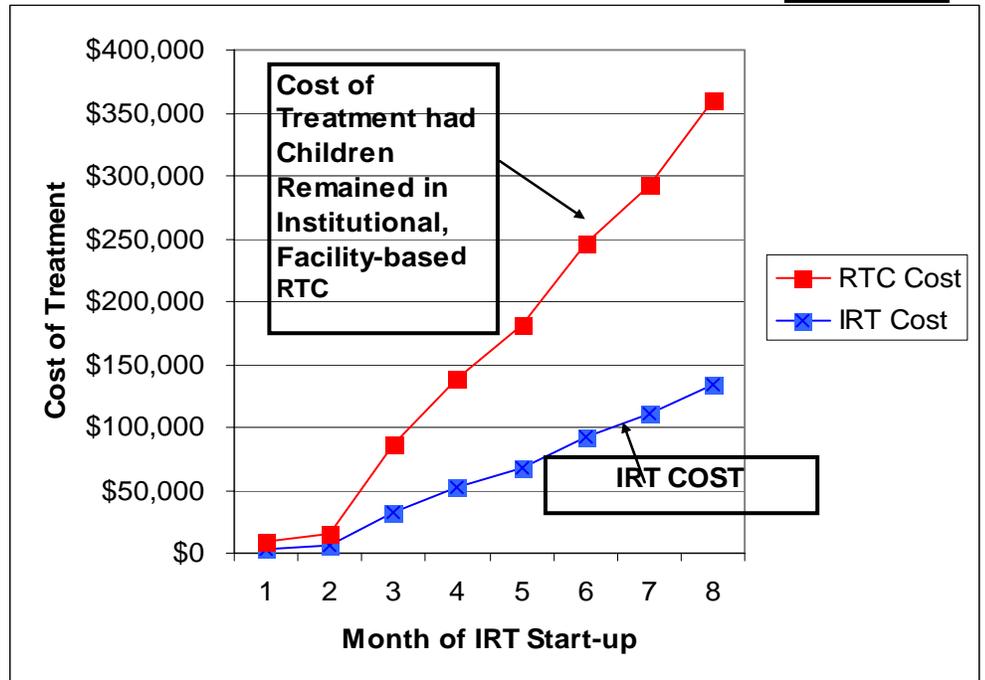
"One Child, One Plan
and One Team"

The Guiding Coalition expects to learn from the HST experience and use that knowledge to inform future steps the Department may take to promote a systems of care approach to children's services.

Individual Residential Treatment (IRT) Works!



To date, 24 youth have been admitted to this new DCMHS service. All FIVE providers (three are new to Delaware with this service) are reporting success in training treatment parents and creating capacity. As reported at the DCMHS' Joint Finance Committee Legislative Budget Hearing in February, all 24 clients admitted have stepped-down from institutional RTC to an IRT

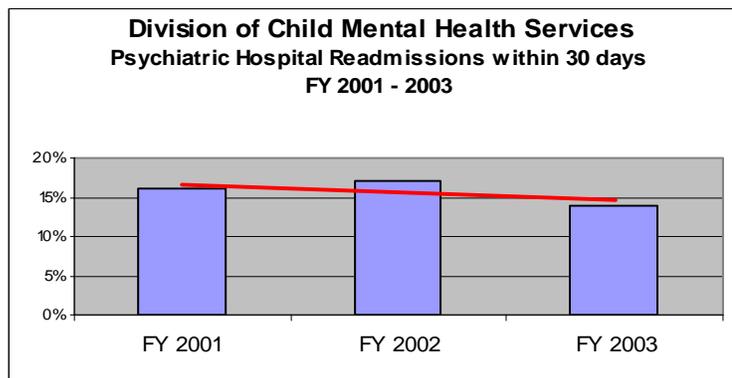


in-home treatment setting in Delaware. Four youth returned from out of state settings. 100% of the youth admitted to IRT are functioning well in local public schools. None have been re-admitted to RTC, a psychiatric hospital or a crisis bed, and none have required contact with the juvenile justice system. Youth are receiving more appropriate, less restrictive treatment at a per day cost which is less than institutional RTC costs.

Examples of how some children are succeeding in this new service may be seen in the DCMHS Weekly Report to the Secretary dated February 4, 2004 (go to Division's common drive, U:, Weekly Report Folder).



THANKS to our psychiatric hospitals,
community providers,
DCMHS/DYRS/DFS staff, birth
and foster families for keeping children
and youth in their communities!



DCMHS Mission:

To provide accessible, effective treatment for children through collaboration with families

TRAINING TRACKGet on Board!!!!!!

DCMHS sponsored " Children Who Have Experienced Traumatic Exposure to Violence: How Development Defines Treatment,"

An all day clinical workshop was presented on 1/16/04 by James Lewis III, Psy. D and Margaret Samuels L.C.S.W. from the Yale Child Study Center. The training included an overview of developmental issues related to violence and trauma in childhood and the impact of childhood trauma.



GET ON BOARD.....!

Speakers covered key aspects of assessment and treatment, including those related to PTSD. Treatment for acute trauma and clinical response for short term treatment. Nearly 200 individuals participated. CEUs were provided.

Statewide Positive Behavior Supports Conference,

sponsored by the F.A.C.T. Project, was held Nov. 4, 2003. Lucile Eber, Ed.D of Illinois presented the keynote address pro-

moting PBS as an effective intervention which produces highly desirable outcomes such as reductions in the number of disciplinary actions in schools, increases in school climate/morale of teachers and children and increases in student academic performance. The event was co-sponsored by DCMHS to help promote this evidence-based practice to schools throughout Delaware and to showcase Delaware school success stories. Over 100 participants attended the conference with representation from schools, school administration, community agencies, families

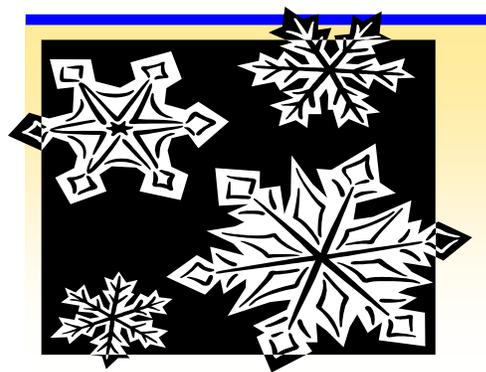
DCMHS Employee Recognition —Groundhog Day Event

On February 2, 2004, more than 70 staff of the Division of Child Mental Health Services participated in our Employee Recognition Winter Event at Grassdale Conference Center.

Attendees enjoyed a delicious lunch of penne pasta and roasted chicken provided by Calypso Caterers. The movie, Groundhog Day, was played through lunch. Attendees were entered into a raffle for more than 40

door prizes varying from Lindt chocolates to passes to the Grand Opera House. A great time was had by all!

Thanks to Committee members: Lisa Greene, Jerry Henry, Marilyn Hollenbeck, Linda McDaniel, Jimia Redden, Cliff Rodman and Marcia Roe for all the terrific work they are doing to recognize our employees for their quality work on behalf of Delaware's children and their families!



INSIGHTS FROM WEBSITES.... Check it out!

New Resource for Child Traumatic Stress www.nctsn.org A new, comprehensive and easy to navigate website with information on resources for counselors, families and others seeking to understand and treat child traumatic stress. Developed by SAMHSA's National Child Traumatic Stress Network, resources include links for mental health pro-

fessionals including a database/catalog of literature on PTSD, articles and fact sheets on child traumatic stress, guide to family preparedness, downloadable wallet card to keep contact info of family members, schools, etc..., checklist to evaluate the mental health component of school crisis and emergency plan for school personnel.

Administration for Children and Families has just launched a new **Systems of Care** website:

<http://nccanch.acf.hhs.gov/profess/systems/index.cfm>

"A treasure trove of materials on Systems of Care....."



DCMHS Community Provider NEWS...

DCMHS held its quarterly provider forum on January 29m 2004. Guest speaker Russ Morris (Div. of Management Support Services, DSCYF) provided attendees with an overview of the DSCYF Governor's Recommended Budget. The agenda also covered a DCMHS Community Advisory Council update, the FY 03 Provider Satisfaction Survey and the Division's CY 2004 Objectives. In all, there were 12 attendees representing 6 provider agencies.

Upcoming DCMHS Provider Forum Meeting Dates:

4/29/04—9am—11am

7/29/04—9am—11 am

10/28/04— 9am—11am

1/27/05—9am—11 am

All meetings are held in the DSCYF Administration Building, Conf Rm 198, 1825 Faulkland Road Wilmington DE 19805. Suggestions from providers for agenda topics may be sent to Jane Case, Program Administrator, at 302-633-2641.



SPRING into action!

All providers can refer families to the newly formed ***Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health*** for information, support, training in advocacy and participation in support groups or with Parent Partners. CONTACT:

DelawareFFCMH@AOL.COM

Or 1-866-944-0000

State Provider Progress Notes:

SILVERLAKE: Director Tom Olson, Ph.D., SilverLake Treatment Center reports that the program received a surprise JCAHO site survey in January. The RANDOM, unannounced survey took just one day. The surveyor used an "individual tracer activity," randomly selecting one or more clinical records and "tracing" the various implementation of standards and processes through a thorough examination of the chart, interviewing the patient, family members and staff regarding treat-

ment. Tom reports staff found it to be a positive experience. The surveyor commended SLTC on its clinical programming and excellent clinical care and education with a focus on safety. BRAVO Silverlake!!!



TERRY CENTER: Director Tom Hebeisen, Ph.D., reports that Terry Center received a very positive report after inspections for Environmental and

Fire Safety during the annual Fire Marshall's office inspection in mid January, 2004.

Terry Center was recently awarded a Criminal Justice Council Grant of \$41,300 to provide treatment for up to 40 children who are victims of violence and their families, using a treatment protocol designed to reduce levels of stress, improve understanding of child victimization and its effects. Call the Terry Center to refer families 577-4270.



More insights from websites.....

DATA TRENDS *****

[Http://www.rtc.pdx.edu/pgDataTrends.shtml](http://www.rtc.pdx.edu/pgDataTrends.shtml)

For recent research summaries, like Depictions of Mental Illness in the Media (#92), Developing Fidelity Criteria and the Evaluation of Mental Health Interventions (#93) and Exposure to Violence, Stress, Protective Factors and Well-Being (#90).

Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health

(www.ffcmh.org)

for information for families about advocacy, individualized service planning for children, how to evaluate



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mental health services for children and their families.

www.bazelon.org

for information on children's mental health advocacy and updates on Olmstead state planning and implementa-

What's New at DCMHS?

THERAPEUTIC RESPITE SERVICES

Contracts have been awarded to Pressley Ridge and NorthEast Treatment Centers to provide therapeutic respite services to children enrolled in the F.A.C.T. federal demonstration project operated by DCMHS. Planned respite will be provided, with use estimated to be 2 days per month for each child/family.

The cost of this new service is \$110 per day (or \$55/half-day). As funding can be identified, DCMHS aims to make this service available to children.

This is DCMHS' FIRST foray into paid respite care.

DCMHS Providing Training for pre-service and for in-service for Foster Care parents Over the past year our division has provided a series of training sessions across the state for nearly 200 DFS foster parents. Training has included sessions on How to Access Children's Behavioral Health-care, Mental Health Issues in Children (both internalizing and externalizing) and Psychotropic Medications in Children and Ado-

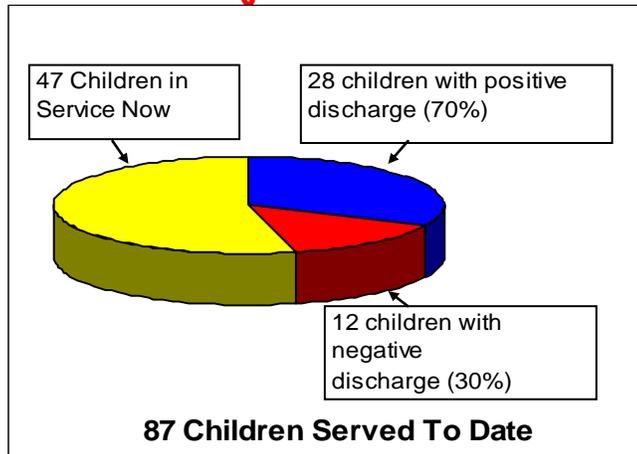
lescents. Foster parents report valuing this training highly and want more. More sessions are being scheduled CY 04. Lead trainer for in this area is Roberta Ray, Ph.D. of DCMHS.

Consulting Child Psychiatrist Rich Margolis, M.D. also presents.

This training supports implementation of the Governor's Foster Care Reform Commission's efforts in Delaware.



F.A.C.T. Project Outcomes to Date



Community-based services along with family participation in decision-making are producing good outcomes for children in F.A.C.T. (Families and Communities Together).

70% (28) youth have been "positive" discharges who now attend school in their community, live at home and use only outpatient mental health services.

30% (12) have been negative discharges. All entered residential services.

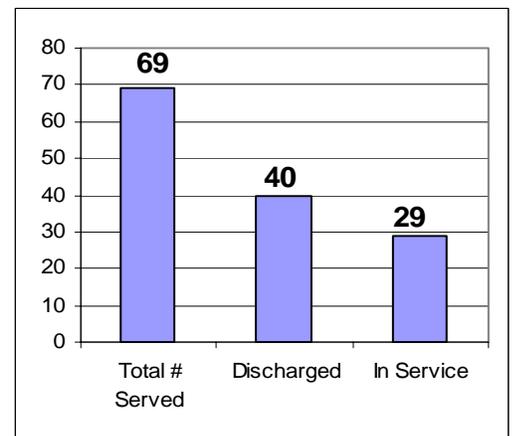
Drug Court Success in Year One:

Of the 40 youth discharged from the project after treatment:

23 (58%) graduated and are successfully diverted from Drug Court and are now actively participating in school, have at least 60 days of clean drug screens, no further legal charges and have completed any and all court conditions (e.g. community service, paid court costs, etc...) Parents report behavior has improved and academics meet the level required for high school graduation.

17 youth (45%) discharged were not successful and returned to the juvenile justice system where they experienced legal sanctions determined by the judge who presided at their adjudication.

Martha Gregor, Victoria Burke-Watson, Patricia Clancy-Emerson and Janet Medina all collaborate with Family Court.



DCMHS' Community Advisory Council ~ Special Recognition



In CY 04, the Child Mental Health Community Advisory Council is larger and more representative than ever before.

This Council is key in bringing the views of the community to help our Division accomplish our mission and move toward our vision.

We want to recognize each of the individuals who participate voluntarily on this important Council and thank them for their contributions to our Division and for their role in improving mental health and substance abuse services for children and their families in Delaware.

Members are:

Bruce Kelsey, Executive Director, Delaware Guidance Services—CHAIR.

Marie-Ann Aghazadian, Executive Director, Parent Information Center

Joe Avallone, DYRS/DSCYF

Isabell Banks, Family Member

Lynn Chaiken, Mental Health Association (Chair, F.A.C.T. Social Marketing Committee promoting systems of care and reducing stigma regarding mental health services)

Steve Dettwyler, Div. of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services, DHSS

Doyle Dobbins, DELARF

Gay Falkowski, Office of Case Man-

agement, DSCYF

Victor Ford, New Behavioral Network

Kathy Goldsmith, Dept of Education

Howard Isenberg, Open Door, Inc.

Bobbie Ives-Larsen, Family Member

Christine Kendall, Rockford Center

Pat Maichle, Developmental Disabilities Planning Council

Connie Matthews, Family Member

George Meldrum, Del Council on Gambling Problems

Dave Michalick, Medicaid Office, DSS/DHSS

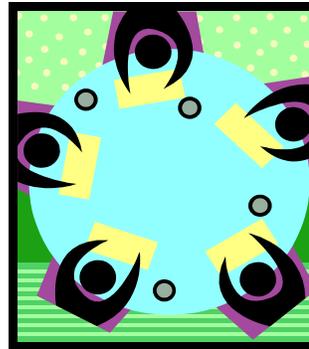
Janice Mink, Grassroots Citizens for Children

Joanne Miro, Education Specialist, Dept of Ed.

Brenda McNelley, Family Member

Carolanne Stevens O'Brien, Div. of Vocational Rehabilitation, Dept of Labor

Rita Paige, Del. State Housing Authority



DCMHS Child Mental Health Community Advisory Council CY 04

Joan Powell, Div of Public Health, DHSS

Mary Ragonese, Family Member

Doreen Roberson, Family Member

Jeffery Santoro, Family Member

Al Snyder, Children and Families First

Diane Treacy, Mental Health Association

Janet Urdahl, Truancy Court

Donald Unger, University of Del, Center for Disability Studies

Mary Jo Wolfe, Family Member

Keith Zirkle, Div. of Family Services, DSCYF

22% identify themselves as family members.

Special thanks to all our Council members —We in DCMHS appreciate your expertise and help in our efforts to provide accessible, effective treatment for children through collaboration with families and service partners.



THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS!!!

Message from the DCMHS Director (Continued from p. 1)

There are many positive signs, To name a few:

- Governor Ruth Ann Minner's recommended budget includes a new DCMHS intensive outpatient team to serve 17 additional children and their families. Thank you Governor Minner!
- Thanks to our inpatient hospitals and community providers. Psychiatric Hospital length of stay has been reduced and the number of hospital readmissions for discharged youth has declined.



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- Our partnerships continue to expand, as the Department works toward a public-private system of care that assures holistic services for Delaware's children and families.

For example:

~ 20 schools are working with the Department of Education to implement Positive Behavior Supports (PBS), a system-wide educational approach that reduces students' disruptive behaviors and improves academic performance. Thanks DOE!

~ Delaware Families started a local chapter of the Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health. It is not easy to begin an advocacy organization, especially when you are busy supporting your own child who has a mental illness or abuses substances. Thanks to the families for making advocacy a priority in your lives and to **Children and Families First** for the assistance you provide to the Federation in Delaware!

~ Our Department received the Delaware Quality Award of Merit for the second consecutive year!

DCMHS continues to move forward! We appreciate the feedback we receive through our provider survey, discussions with the Kent and Sussex interagency Council members, customer satisfaction reviews, Departmental employee satisfaction analysis and the ongoing input from our staff, families, Advisory Council members and other community partners. THANK YOU for taking the time to identify methods to improve our services. Your comments are being thoughtfully addressed in DCMHS' current plan to implement a system of care approach to children's mental health and substance abuse services in Delaware, including continuation of key elements of the F.A.C.T. federal systems of care demonstration project in a carefully developed, phased implementation that we can sustain over time.

I cannot close without expressing my appreciation for the support Secretary DeSantis has offered to this Division. Without her leadership, DCMHS would not be in a position that enables us to look at the future with hope.

Sincerely, Susan A. Czyk, M.Ed., CRC, Director, Division of Child Mental Health Services



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Al Snyder, Director, Children and Families First and Marc Richman, PH.D. of DCMHS for their appointment as Co-Chairs of the Delaware Statewide System of Care Team.
- DCMHS Employee of the Year CY 2003—**Helen Reader**
- DCMHS Employee of the Quarter, CY 2003:
 - 1st quarter ~ Ana Frumin
 - 2nd Quarter ~ Marc Richman
 - 3rd Quarter ~ Helen Reader
 - 4th Quarter ~ Kathryn Strosnider

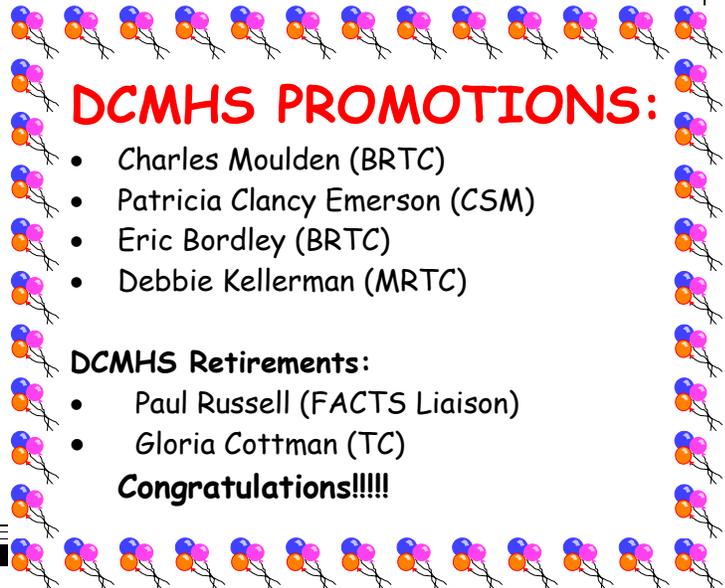
Service Awards:

- 35 Years: O.C. Abraham, Thelma Brown
- 30 Years: Antoine Warren
- 25 Years: Mary Moor
- 20 Years: K.B. Inglee, Arlene Koefler, Gary Renard, Andrea Stern
- 15 Years: Mary Charles Santropietro, Jacqueline O'Neill, Robert Kohl
- 10 Years: Mary Jo Begley, Camellia Anderson, Carmen Goldboro-Hudwon, Yvonne Adkins, Eartha Hopkins, Sheila Hunton, Jitka Lejkova, Mark Everline
- 5 Years: Kelly Drobrowski, Audrie Davis, Charlemaine Young, Steven Corbett, Christopher Moulden, Carmen Freire, Kathryn Strosneider



DCMHS NEW HIRES:

- Barbara Drozdowski (Director's Office)
- Kristen Connors (CSM/Milford)
- Hector Ortiz (BRTC)
- Shawn Dotey (MRTC)
- Jerome Jackson (MRTC)
- Margaret Taylor (TC)
- Stephen Stockton (TC)
- Tabitha Mc Coy (SL)
- Shannon Boardley Greene (TC)
- Michael Johnson (TC)
- Thomas Howard (CSM)



DCMHS PROMOTIONS:

- Charles Moulden (BRTC)
- Patricia Clancy Emerson (CSM)
- Eric Bordley (BRTC)
- Debbie Kellerman (MRTC)

DCMHS Retirements:

- Paul Russell (FACTS Liaison)
- Gloria Cottman (TC)

Congratulations!!!!

DCMHS "PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES"

This page offers a NEW and different feature of the DCMHS Quarterly Newsletter. DCMHS has grown by leaps and bounds over the years. We have 5 office sites. We communicate in many ways, often by phone, FAX or email ~ none of which offer the opportunity to put a face to a name!

This new feature offers us an opportunity to "see" our staff ~ across the state and across core division functions. Over the period of a year or two, we aim to cover all parts of the division ~

Here's looking at YOU, Kids!



PICTURED LEFT ARE THE **CHILD MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR, 2003:**

HELEN READER, Cook at SILVERLAKE TREATMENT CONSORTIUM. Helen was selected as the recipient of the Delaware Award for Excellence and Commitment in State Service.

DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR, 2003:

CARL NELSON, Administrator, OPME.

Clinical Services Management—Wilmington

The Clinical Services Management Unit, under Director Harvey Doppelt, Ph.D., manages care for children in our system state-wide, with offices in Wilmington, Newark, Dover, Milford and Georgetown.

Core functions of the CSM teams are to:

- Conduct individualized service planning with the family for the child
- Authorize appropriate treatment and services for the child
- Monitor the progress of the child in treatment and keep in communication with the family about treatment progress
- Facilitate discharges ~ so that as a child moves across treatment providers and/or levels of care in our system or is discharged from our system, the moves go smoothly for the child and family with maximum progress in treatment maintained.



The picture above is of the **Wilmington CSM Team** led by Susan Schmidt, Ph.D.

Team members are: Standing (from left): Susan Schmidt,

O.C. Abraham, PSW III, Bonnie Banerjee

Sitting (from left): LeTonia Grimes, FSA, Tanya Allen and Janie Johnson, Clinical Coordinators.

!!!!!! MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH !!!!!

Delaware Youth Speak Out on Mental Health:

Who better to educate the public about children's mental health than youth? Whether a youth in treatment, a sibling of someone in treatment, or even a friend of someone who needs help — many voices are coming together from all of these perspectives to teach us about children's mental health!

Radio Stations Listed Below.....



**Children's Mental Health Awareness Week
May 2- 8, 2004**

LISTEN to:

- WRDX 94.7 FM (New River)
- WDSB 92.9 FM
- WWTX 1290 AM
- WDOV 1410 AM

Throughout the month of May for public service announcements created by Delaware youth — in their OWN WORDS!

Encourage children and families you know to tune in!!!!

Websites for kids!
 Children can try—
www.kidshealth.org/kid/feeling
 Adolescents can try—
www.kidshealth.org/teen/your_mind

Events in May

May 7—"Science and the Mind: Opening Pathways to Better Mental Health," Richard Nakamura, Ph.D., Noon to 2pm, Bank One Center, Wilm.

May 8—NAMI Walks for the Mind of America." Shipyard Shops, Wilm, 10am checkin, 11am start time.

May 11—"Youth/Adult Partnerships in Action: Building Stronger Communities," Del Partnership for Positive

Youth Development. 8:30 am—4pm. Buena Vista State Conf Center. \$50, call Tracy Pearson 302-633-2502 to register.

May 19—DCMHS presents "Youthful Fire Setting: Questions, Answers and Help," Terry Center, 1pm—2:30 pm FREE. Call 1-800-432-8500 to register.

May 20—DCMHS presents "No One Ever Told Us: A Film and Discussion about Teenagers Dealing with the

Death of a Loved One," 6pm—7:30 pm, Terry Center. FREE call 302-577-4270 to register.

May 26 - DCMHS presents "Mental Health Implications for Children who are Victimized," introducing a new treatment program called "Families Together: Treating Child Victims" funded through the Criminal Justice Council by the U. S Dept. of Justice. Terry Center, 6pm—8pm. FREE. Call Inez Hanson for more info at 302-577-4270, ext 3003.

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- **C**hild Focused System
- **H**olistic Services
- **I**nspired Workforce
- **L**eading Edge Management
- **D**edicated Partnerships

DCMHS Continues to Assess Client Services Needs

Clinical Services Management (CSM) staff work directly with children and families in the DCMHS children's behavioral healthcare system to plan, authorize, monitor client services and facilitate transitions across services/providers. CSM makes level of care and clinical necessity determinations for children in behavioral health services. CSM staff is in a unique position to identify gaps in existing services and identify new services needed to provide the most appropriate services. Survey results will inform DCMHS as it plans future services.

CSM staff recently identified the most needed services by indicating the top three services needed in our system and ranking them in order of priority (1=highest priority, 2=second priority, 3=third level priority). 21 respondents represent a 56% response rate on this survey to help DCMHS plan for future service enhancements and capacity expansion.

Services ranked most needed were (in order of priority):

- 1) **Community-based treatment for children who act out with sexually inappropriate behaviors** (including both adjudicated sex offenders and youth not charged) ranked first among the services most needed (14). 4 of 5 CSM Team Leaders and the CSM Director ranked it as a first or second priority service.
 - 2) Intensive Outpatient (IOP) Services targeted specifically to youth with developmental delays/mental retardation (10)
 - 3) Intensive Outpatient Mental Health services (9)
 - 4) More Outpatient Mental Health services (5) and
 - 5) Functional behavioral analysis (4).
-