

Mental Health Division

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McLean County Health Department Mental Health

• • • Who We Are and What We Do

The mission of McLean County Health Department's Mental Health Division is to assure the elimination or reduction in the incidence of mental illness, developmental disability and substance abuse by encouraging early intervention and treatment in the least restrictive setting practical.

The division carries out its mission by providing leadership, planning and coordinating, partially funding and evaluating an array of community services. The division works in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) and other state agencies to better meet the needs of the disabled.

The health department also serves as the administrative agent of the McLean County Board for Care and Treatment of Persons with a Developmental Disability (377 Board) to:

- Develop three-year plans which establish priorities for existing services and new initiatives for the coming years. These are developed in coordination with community partners.
- Review applications for grant or purchase of service funding from community providers
- Make funding decisions based upon priorities and local needs
- Provide policy direction for use of local property tax funding of care systems

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The division's efforts serve people with the following types of disabilities, as defined by DHS.

- **Developmental Disability:** a severe chronic disability in a person of a mental or physical nature (such as mental retardation) and which develops before the person reaches the age of eighteen and is likely to continue indefinitely.
- **Substance Abuse Disability:** affliction with alcoholism and drug abuse in which either has an adverse effect on the user's life.
- **Emotional Disability:** persons who experience problems of a mental or psychological nature, significantly interfering with normal personal and social functioning.

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Funding, planning and coordination to a network of private agencies that help carry out the three-year plan objectives. These agencies represent the core of the community support system.

- **Chestnut Health Systems/Lighthouse**—provides early intervention, residential and outpatient treatment programs relating to substance abuse.
- **marcfirst**—provides services and training to developmentally disabled people or infants who are developmentally delayed/at risk, and their families
- **McLean County Center for Human Services**—provides therapy, psychological or psychiatric assessment, crisis intervention, day treatment, sustaining care and alternative housing arrangements to the mentally ill.
- **Occupational Development Center**—provides vocational opportunities for people with any of the three mental health disabilities.
- **Other community agencies** accompany the local care network. **Project Oz** provides substance abuse prevention services for youth; **PATH** provides a 24-hour telephone crisis line; **Collaborative Solutions - AVERT** provides counseling for perpetrators of domestic violence; **LIFE-CIL Centers for Independent Living** provides advocacy and support for people with disabilities.

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