



Delaware Child Psychiatry Access Program

The State of Delaware, Division of Prevention and Behavioral Health Services (DPBHS), through a five year \$2.225 million grant, is developing a new Delaware Child Psychiatric Access Program. Pediatric primary care providers will be able to access child psychiatry tele-consultation and educational services to provide better and more prompt treatment for their patients as access to care is often delayed by several months due to the shortage of child psychiatric practitioners.

The goals of this project:

- Increase the availability and accessibility of **child and adolescent psychiatric consultation** to pediatric primary care practitioners caring for children and adolescents with behavioral disorders.
- Conduct **training and provide technical assistance** to primary care providers to enable them to conduct early identification, diagnosis, and treatment for children with behavioral health conditions.
- Improve access through telehealth to **resources** and referral services for children and adolescents with identified behavioral health disorders, especially those living in rural and other underserved areas.

Stakeholders:

- American Academy of Pediatrics, Delaware Chapter
- Division of Prevention and Behavioral Health Services, Children's Department
- Nemours / Al DuPont Children's Hospital, Integrated Primary Care Psychology
- Tele-health Planning and Development, Department of Health and Social Services
- AmeriHealth Caritas Delaware
- Division of Public Health
- Mental Health Association of Delaware
- National Alliance on Mental Illness
- Center for Drug and Health Studies, University of Delaware
- Sussex County Health Coalition
- La Red Health Center
- Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
- Delaware Psychological Services
- Champions for Children's Mental Health

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