

Mission

The Ohio Department of Mental Health's mission is the promotion and establishment of mental health as a cornerstone of health and wellness for individuals, families and communities throughout Ohio.

Prioritized Goals and Strategies 2009-2011

- I. Restructure Ohio's mental health system to reduce disparities, achieve efficiencies, and assure equitable access to effective core services and supports.
 - A. Align and deploy resources to assure service capacity and access to meet consumer need.
 - B. Lead the process for structural changes necessary to adapt to current revenue loss and opportunities within national healthcare reform.
- II. Support the recruitment, development and retention of an efficient, qualified, diverse and culturally competent workforce.
 - A. Improve conditions and create incentives to promote mental health occupations as viable career opportunities.
 - B. Create an ongoing staff development program within ODMH that assures cultural and other targeted competencies, individual productivity, and professional growth.
- III. Reform internal and external processes and regulatory framework to align the mental health system with emerging health technology standards.
 - A. Influence and advance development of an electronic health record and information exchange connected to state and national health information exchange initiatives.
 - B. Streamline regulatory requirements in conjunction with federal and state agencies, accrediting bodies and regulatory boards
- IV. Accelerate and incentivize clinical excellence for Ohioans at all life stages.
 - A. Promote establishment of "person-centered health care homes" inclusive of the mental health system.
 - B. Promote efficient and effective protocols and practices to increase the quality of health and life expectancy of people with serious emotional disturbance and severe mental illness.
- V. Leverage resources and strengthen collaboration to develop and influence policy that promotes mental health and wellness.
 - A. Create an infrastructure for effective policy development.
 - B. Create an infrastructure for effective communications.
- VI. Execute a rapid contingency planning process to address critical events/changes in the environment.
 - A. Develop a response capacity based on best practices.