

Resiliency



*"Mental health care must focus on increasing the child's ability to successfully cope with life's challenges, facilitating recovery, and building resilience—not just on managing symptoms."
(JCAHO, 7/11/05)*

The Advocacy Alliance, a Mental Health Association is a private, non-profit agency founded in 1956. We are dedicated to promoting mental well-being, supporting Recovery for adults who have a mental illness, Resiliency in children and adolescents who have emotional disorders and Everyday Lives for persons who have mental retardation and other developmental disabilities and provide to them advocacy and culturally competent services.



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Mental Health Advocacy for Children and Their Families



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The Mental Health Advocacy Program for Children and their Families provides information, support, educational information and advocacy to families who are involved in the mental health system in Lackawanna-Susquehanna, Luzerne and Wayne Counties. Families can request this confidential service at no charge to assist them in understanding and navigating the Children's Mental Health System.

The Mental Health Advocacy Program has 4 major components:

1. Individual Case Advocacy
2. Systems Advocacy
3. Parent Education and System Training
4. Identification and Resolution of Issues/Trends



A Family Peer Advocate is someone who has experience living with a child who receives behavioral health services and therefore can inspire hope in families that their children can lead healthy and meaningful lives. The Family Peer Advocate supports the family's empowerment and recognizes them as the central resource and ultimate decision-maker for the child, by promoting partnership and collaboration among the family and service providers.

The Family Peer Advocate also works with all child serving systems of care (Children and Youth, Juvenile Justice, Education and Mental Health) to ensure not only children's and families' rights are protected, but also provide assistance with systems' planning and enhancements.



The Mental Health Advocacy Program for Children and their Families promotes cooperation and collaboration among child-serving systems with goals consistent with the Child and Adolescent Service System Program (CASSP) Principles and the promotion of resiliency.

CASSP Principles

Child-Centered

Family-Focused

Community-Based

Multi-System

Culturally Competent

Least Restrictive