ACMH
The Association for Children’s Mental Health

What We Do: ACMH provides information, peer support, resources, training, and advocacy for families of children and youth with mental health challenges and the communities who support them.
Primary Focus Areas of ACMH

1. Technical assistance and training models for Youth Peer Support and Parent Support Partner Medicaid Services
2. Advocacy
3. Information/support/training and education
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PSP & YPS

Education & Support

Advocacy
1. Youth Peer Support and Parent Support Partner

- State plan Medicaid Services for youth and Families
- Provided by parents (PSP) and young people (YPS) with lived experience
- ACMH provides statewide Technical Assistance and training for Youth Peer Support Specialists and Parent Support Partners
- Training Models are joint projects of MDHHS, ACMH, and Pre-paid Inpatient Health Plans/Community Mental Health Services providers to provide Medicaid service.
- YPS is available to youth and young adults with serious emotional disturbance/serious mental illness (SED/SMI) up until age 26.
- PSP service supports parents raising children with an SED or Intellectual Developmental Disability (I/DD) including autism
2. Training, Education and Support

- Family Engagement
- ACMH Conference
- Outreach and Awareness Activities such as CMHAD
- Parent and Youth Leadership
- Toolkits such as Family Support Group Toolkits
- Website
- Social Media
- Technical Assistance for community partners and youth and families, and programmatic TA
- Phone Support
- Connection to resources, information and providers
- Support to local family organizations
3. Advocacy- Change Agents

- **Advocates Coalition** – ARC, Mental Health Association of Michigan, NAMI, Disability Right Michigan (DRM), etc.

- **MI Kids Now** – explore various facets to improving access and service delivery models for public mental health system

- **Intensive Crisis Stablization Services (ICSS)** – enhanced and improved crisis response continuum

- **MDHHS** – Family-Driven/Youth-Guided, family advocacy organizations, PSP/YPS, continuum of peer services for youth and families, etc.

- **CMH Association** – Community Mental Health Association of Michigan – children’s issues committee, MHTTC advisory board

- **BHAC** – Behavioral Health Advisory Council – reviews state plans, monitor, review, and evaluate allocation and provision of services.
3. Advocacy - Youth and Family Voice

- Youth Advisory Committee
- Parent Advisory Committee
- Family Driven Youth Guided Philosophy, Practice and Policy
- Children's Mental Health Awareness Day
ACMH and MDHHS Partnership

- Funding
- Creation and input on policy
- Connection and access
- Providing a seat at the table
Feedback/Networking Loop

- How does it all fit?
- Training and education creates advocates
- Advocates create positions like PSP and YPS
- PSP and YPS help elevate youth and family voice within department
- What other connections are there?