

OUR HISTORY



CIACC is the local voice on children's behavioral health services.

The Ocean County CIACC was established in 1991 as part of the statewide Youth Incentive Program of the NJ Department of Human Services' Administrative Order 2:25 and N.J.A.C. 30:4C-67 et seq.

Initially, the Ocean County Department of Human Services facilitated this initiative under the Mental Health Board. In 2000, Ocean Mental Health Services, Inc. was designated as the CIACC convener. CIACC has returned home to Human Services in 2006, and the launch of the NJ Department of Children and Families has renewed the mission of County CIACCs to lead local endeavors to help plan, implement and monitor the new Department and the system changes it initiates.



Helping Ocean County children and families get the help they need

Over the last 15 years, many changes have taken place in the public system of services for children with special emotional and behavioral needs, yet CIACC remains at the helm of Ocean County's efforts.



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Children's Inter Agency
Coordinating Council (CIACC)

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CHILDREN'S INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL (CIACC)

To maintain a responsive, accessible and integrated system of care for children with special social and emotional needs.



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**Working together
to challenge the
system & unlock barriers**

Our Role

"It takes a village to raise a child."

-African Proverb

When a child experiences problems at home, school or in the course of other activities and these problems persist, the family reaches out for help to a case worker, counselor, social worker, psychologist or psychiatrist who recommends services that would best help the child and family cope. The ultimate goal of the CIACC's activities is to oversee behavioral health services available to children and families to ensure that a comprehensive system of needed services within the County is maintained. This preserves the integrity of treatment and saves public funds through diverting unnecessary out of home placements.

The CIACC meets on a monthly basis as a full group, generally on the 4th Thursday. Committees of CIACC meet monthly or quarterly, depending on the subject matter. CIACC members are invited to participate on the committees, which include but are not limited to: Executive, Membership & Recruitment, Policy & Procedures, Quality Assurance, Systems Review, Education, and Aging Out.



**Making
Ocean County
home
for all of our
children**

OUR MISSION

The Ocean County C.I.A.C.C. (pronounced like kayak or kai-ak) serves as a mechanism to

- ❑ advise the County Mental Health Board and the NJ Department of Children and Families in planning for mental health services for children,
- ❑ provide the County with a multi-disciplinary forum to review and discuss the system of services for children with special emotional and behavioral needs,
- ❑ identify and address barriers to effective service delivery, and
- ❑ seek solutions for the County and make appropriate recommendations on programs and policies that impact children and families

through a *partnership* of parents, consumers, government, community-based organizations, and service providers.

We Need Your Help!

Please contact Jamie Hart, CIACC Coordinator, to volunteer your time and get more information at (732) 506-5374 or JHart@co.ocean.nj.us

Our Membership

In Ocean County, the C.I.A.C.C. is comprised of members who represent:

- ❑ the Community: parents, neighbors, youth, leaders, and local organizations
- ❑ the Juvenile Justice System,
- ❑ Drug and Alcohol Abuse Service Agencies,
- ❑ Educational institutions,
- ❑ Behavioral Health Service Agencies that provide services to children or youth in the County,
- ❑ the Designated Psychiatric Emergency Screening Center and the Regional Children's Crisis Intervention Services Hospital Unit,
- ❑ Local & County government,
- ❑ State agencies: the Department of Human Services, the Division of Children's Behavioral Health, the Division of Youth and Family Services, and the Division of Developmental Disabilities



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