



# Bucks County

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<b>Department of Behavioral Health</b>	To support and strengthen individual and family wellness, and build community in Bucks County	To ensure member access to high quality Mental Health and Substance Abuse services that support recovery and to execute and oversee the Health Choices (Medicaid) program which provides for the delivery of medically necessary mental health, drug and alcohol, and behavioral services	HealthChoices Medical Necessity Guidelines  <a href="http://www.magellanofpa.com/providers-pa/medical-necessity-criteria.aspx">http://www.magellanofpa.com/providers-pa/medical-necessity-criteria.aspx</a>	Director of Behavioral Health	215-444-2720
<b>Drug &amp; Alcohol Commission</b>	To reduce the use of tobacco and eliminate the use of illegal drugs and the abuse, misuse of and addiction to alcohol and other drugs.	Allocate resources; provide for a full array of prevention, intervention/treatment and treatment-related services, and evaluate the effectiveness of the services <a href="http://www.asam.org/">http://www.asam.org/</a>  <a href="http://www.ddap.pa.gov/Manuals/PA%20Client%20Placement%20Criteria%20(PCPC)%20Edition%203%20Manual.pdf">http://www.ddap.pa.gov/Manuals/PA%20Client%20Placement%20Criteria%20(PCPC)%20Edition%203%20Manual.pdf</a>	Pennsylvania’s Client Placement Criteria for Adults 3 <sup>rd</sup> edition (PCPC), or the <i>ASAM Patient Placement Criteria for the Treatment of Substance-Related Disorders- Adolescents</i> .  Clinical reviews occur with treatment providers and case management staff.	Case Management Staff, Management Team, and Prevention Department	215-773-9643
<b>Children &amp; Youth</b>	To receive and investigate reports of child abuse and neglect, provide for the temporary care of children not able to remain with their own families and develop community-wide social service programs that promote family stability.	Continually assess the presence and level of safety and risk for all children. Provide direct services to families to strengthen their capacity to care for children.	Placement decisions are driven by the continual assessment of the presence and level of safety and risk to all children and the parents’ willingness and ability to provide adequate care, supervision and protection for the child.	Case workers, supervisors, managers/ administrators, attorneys, and judges make decisions that profoundly impact the lives of children and families.	(215) 348-6900
<b>Juvenile Probation</b>	To protect the community, hold juveniles accountable and develop competencies in those juveniles	To protect the community, hold juveniles accountable and develop competencies in those juveniles	Using a validated risk assessment and measuring against the nature and seriousness of the offense committed by the juvenile a structured decision is made to provide activities and interventions to address community protection and to hold the juvenile accountable for the offenses committed while concurrently affording the juvenile opportunities to develop competencies to become a productive member of society.	Juvenile Probation Officers make recommendations to supervisors, which if approved, go before the judge for final approval	(215) 348-6514



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<b>Department of Mental Health/ Developmental Programs</b>	To support individuals with a mental illness, intellectual disability (ID), or developmental delay/ disability and their families to live in the community and to actively participate in community life.	<p><b>Developmental Programs :</b> To support independence, choice, and opportunity for individuals with intellectual disabilities); specific to Early Intervention (EI), to provide supports for infants/ toddlers with developmental delays and their families to help the child grow and develop within the typical routine of family and community life.</p> <p><b>Mental Health:</b> To ensure that all individuals with serious mental illness/ serious emotional challenges and/or co-occurring substance use have an opportunity for recovery, wellness, and resiliency. Services are based on Community Support Program and Children/ Adolescent Service System Program principles.</p>	<p><b>Developmental Programs:</b> The ID unit supports individuals who have been determined eligible for services by having an IQ score of 70 or below, with significant deficits in adaptive behavior, emerging during the developmental period of birth to the age of 22. The priority for service is determined by the Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services, or PUNS, a detailed form filled out by Supports Coordinators and families to identify areas of need. All decisions and services are based on a person centered team process and planning through the Individual Support Plan (ISP). Early Intervention services are determined by team-based decisions based on individual outcome goals and the skills/abilities needed to meet them.</p> <p><b>Mental Health:</b> MH/ID Act; priority population of serious mental illness as defined by state regulations/ bulletins; Children’s Interagency Team Meetings which reflect a person/family-centered model; availability of Family Support Service funds to assist individuals in accessing natural, non-clinical, community –based supports.</p>	<p>Decisions include the individual/family per a person/family-centered approach. In terms of specific staff involvement:</p> <p><b>Developmental Programs:</b> For ID, Program Administration staff with input from Supports Coordinators; For EI, the team consisting of Service Coordinators, evaluators, teachers, therapists with County staff providing administrative oversight and dispute resolution.</p> <p><b>Mental Health:</b> Inter-agency Team staff with County staff providing oversight to Family Support Service fund distribution in conjunction with Blended Case Managers.</p>	215-444-2800
<b>Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania</b>	To ensure the delivery of high-quality behavioral health care to help individuals and families achieve their goals.	To implement the Pennsylvania HealthChoices requirements and assess for medical necessity. To adhere to the requirements as outlined by the Center for Medicaid Services and Pennsylvania Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.	<p>HealthChoices Medical Necessity Guidelines:  <a href="http://www.magellanofpa.com/providers-pa/medical-necessity-criteria.aspx">http://www.magellanofpa.com/providers-pa/medical-necessity-criteria.aspx</a>;</p> <p>Additional criteria can be found at <a href="http://www.magellanofpa.com">www.magellanofpa.com</a></p>	Care Managers and Psychiatrists determine if medical necessity is met. The Center for Medicaid Services and Pennsylvania Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services develop the rules and regulations overseeing Healthchoices.	877-769-9784