Mental Health Core Service Agency Advisory Council
Cecil County Health Advisory Committee
January –July 2018 Update
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The Cecil County Mental Health Core Service Agency maintains an Advisory Council which meets on a monthly basis. The purpose of the Cecil County Mental Health Advisory Council is to collaborate with local behavioral health providers to develop goals, review progress, identify barriers, and provide input for planning. The CSA staffs in collaboration with community stakeholders participate in community projects to identify and develop solutions related to the community improvement plan. Examples of these related groups include a childhood trauma subcommittee, participation in grant development to increase community education, and crisis services availability.

**Goal 1.2: Improve The Mental Health And Well-Being Of Cecil County Residents.**

**Objectives:**
1. By June 30, 2019, reduce the percentage of youth in grades 9-12 who felt sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more during the past 12 months to no more than 24.8%.
2. By June 30, 2019, decrease the suicide rate in Cecil County by 5%.

**Strategies:**
1. Research programming to promote the health and well being of youth.
2. Participates in local community committees and workgroup to identify issues which most impact Cecil County Youth i.e. Trauma workgroup, access to treatment, and the development of the new school intervention program.

**Objective:**
3. Promote the availability of crisis and suicide hotline
4. Continue to support, promote the utilization of, and expand mobile crisis services in Cecil County. Promote Mental Health First Aid Training.
5. Participate in regional planning to expand crisis service in Cecil County.

**Completed strategies:**
Promote depression screening during wellness checkups – complete
Promote Behavioral Health Integration in Pediatric Primary Care (B-HIPP). – Complete
Five Mental Health First Aid training was completed in 2018.