

Mental Health

Our goal is to improve the mental health status for residents in the Lehigh Valley through prevention and access to appropriate, quality mental health services. In order to address this goal, efforts have begun across SLUHN to increase the proportion of primary care facilities that provide mental health treatment through a collaborative care model or medical home/case management model. We have also increased depression screenings by primary care providers for adolescents and adults and are working towards building capacity for community-wide approaches to addressing mental health needs in our local communities served by SLUHN. Additionally, we are working towards the incorporation and support of mental health counseling services within existing community schools and family center models in the BASD, ASD and Bangor School Districts, while supporting the creation of mental health services at Broughal Community School, with incorporation of service into the HeartsLink clinic. We also continue to work towards promoting access to care for mental health services for the geriatric population.