



### Spotlight on... Children of Alcoholics Awareness (COA) Month

February is Children of Alcoholics (COA) Month. Far too often, children are likely to be the silent victims of drug and alcohol abuse. An estimated 25% of all children in the United States are affected by or exposed to a family alcohol problem. Luckily there are resources to help. Visit [www.nacoa.org/](http://www.nacoa.org/) [www.dacoa.org](http://www.dacoa.org) for more information on COA awareness, and visit [www.helpisherede.com](http://www.helpisherede.com) for information on where to find information on resources for treatment and recovery.



### Governor Markell Proposes Expanded Addiction Services in Delaware



Several DSAMH staff, stakeholders, and members of the public were on hand to hear the proposals made by Governor Markell and Sec. Landgraf at a local Oxford House.

Continuing on efforts to combat the addiction epidemic, Governor Jack Markell, along side DHSS Secretary Rita Landgraf, Attorney General Matt Denn, and DOC Commissioner Robert Coupe, outlined a proposal for increased public treatment and recovery services in Delaware.

### Expanded Addiction Services Cont...

"Across our state, families are worried that if their loved ones aren't soon connected to treatment, any single day could be their last" said Governor Markell speaking from a local sober living Oxford House in Newark. Expanded Addiction Services Specifics of Gov. Markell's proposal includes an increase in withdrawal management services, doubling the number of sober living residential beds, and increasing access and expanding residential treatment options statewide. "Our actions are guided by the voices and the courage of those who have been directly impacted by this disease," said Sec. Landgraf. The proposed changes are a part of Governor Markell's FY'16 Budget Proposal which will be considered by the state legislature this year.

**Have you Visited the Newest Substance Abuse and Mental Health Resource Websites in DE? Check them out!**

[-helpisherede.com](http://-helpisherede.com)

[-delaware.networkofcare.org](http://-delaware.networkofcare.org)

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## LIFE Conference 2015



*Pictured: Jim Deel and Lucy Williams from DSAMH's Mobile Crisis Intervention Unit speak with a LIFE Conference attendee about DSAMH services.*

On January 15th, the annual LIFE Conference was held at Dover Downs and Casino in Dover Delaware. The conference promotes and advocates for legislation, independence, family, and education for those with disabilities and health needs in Delaware. Over 500 people attended the conference this year, and DSAMH staff was on hand to talk about the mental health and substance abuse services offered through the division.

## DSAMH Training Office Update

### Grand Rounds

Grand Rounds are scheduled to be held each Thursday from 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM in the Springer Building, Classroom #3. The first Thursday of each month is taught in person and the other three weeks each month are video-conferenced to the classroom from Drexel University.

All sessions are open to the general public and pre-registration is not required.

Call 302-255-9482 if you have questions.

## HIPAA Highlights

Please remember that consumer information belongs to the consumer, not the staff. This means staff may not use any consumer information for their own personal purposes without express written consent from the consumer showing that the consumer clearly understands the usage of his or her information. Consumer documents may not be used for Human Resources or employee grievance procedures unless this written consent is obtained from the consumer prior to the usage of the information. Furthermore, the consumer may not be coerced into consent.

A subpoena is not sufficient to disclose consumer information. Even a Court Order must show "just cause" why disclosing the information is in the best interest of the consumer. It is best practice to use consumer information only for business purposes.

For a full calendar of upcoming DSAMH workshop opportunities, see page 4.

## DSAMH Professional Development Day

The upcoming DSAMH Professional Development Day will be held on Monday March 30th from 9am-4pm at the Duncan Center in Dover Delaware. Training on HIPAA compliance and team

building will provided to all attendees. Yearly service awards will also be handed out. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please confirm your attendance with Bryan Gordon by March 18 at [bryan.gordon@state.de.us](mailto:bryan.gordon@state.de.us).

## DSAMH/DPC Potluck Celebration!



*Both DSAMH and DPC staff participated in a joint international potluck celebration held in the Springer Building on February 16th. The theme of the potluck was diversity, and DHSS trainer Mark Monroe provided staff with a diversity training presentation during the event.*



*DPC staff are pictured here at the potluck in front of the "Cause for Applause" table. If you see a fellow employee go above and beyond, don't forget to submit a cause for applause form on their behalf!*

## DSAMH Consumer Issue Resolution Hotline

Clients who are experiencing problems with their service providers are encouraged to call DSAMH for help in resolving them.

**855-649-7944**

## **WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES MARCH THROUGH MAY 2015**

Remember: Check DTOOL regularly as new opportunities are added weekly!

DSAMH Training Office Online at <http://dtool.dhss.delaware.gov> is accessible for everyone to manage your personal learning; use this tool to change your contact information, obtain a copy of your transcript, sign up and cancel workshop attendance, and see what is being offered in the months ahead.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>TIMES &amp; LOCATION</b>
March 5	Grand Rounds	12:30-1:30 DPC-Classroom # 3
10	Behavior Change	9-12 Hudson State SC
11	Suicide Prevention and Awareness	3-4:30 DPC-Springer 1 & 2
12	Grand Rounds	12:30-1:30 DPC-Classroom # 3
16	Professional Boundaries	8:30-11:00 DPC-Springer 1 & 2
19	Wager and Grow Rich, or Think and Grow Rich	9-4 Community Serv. Bldg. (Room 109)
19	Grand Rounds	12:30-1:30 DPC-Classroom # 3
20	Wager and Grow Rich, or Think and Grow Rich	9-4 Hampton Inn-Rehoboth
24	Social Determinants of Health - Hope & Opportunity	9-12 Hudson State SC
26	Grand Rounds	12:30-1:30 DPC-Classroom # 3
April 2	Grand Rounds	12:30-1:30 DPC-Classroom # 3
7	HIV/STD/Hepatitis C 201	9-4:30 Hudson State SC
8	Suicide Prevention and Awareness	3-4:30 DPC-Springer 1 & 2
9	HIV/STD/Hepatitis C Presentation	9-4:30 Hudson State SC
9	Designing & Delivering Effective Psychoeducational	9-4 Hampton Inn-Rehoboth
9	Grand Rounds	12:30-1:30 DPC-Classroom # 3
10	Designing & Delivering Effective Psychoeducational	9-4 Community Serv. Bldg. (Room 109)
13	Professional Boundaries	8:30-11 DPC-Springer 1 & 2
16	Grand Rounds	12:30-1:30 DPC-Classroom # 3
22	Mental Health First Aid	8-4:30 DPC-Springer 1 & 2
23	Grand Rounds	12:30-1:30 DPC-Classroom # 3
30	Grand Rounds	12:30-1:30 DPC-Classroom # 3
May 6	STD's At A Glance	9-12 Hudson State SC
6	Suicide Prevention and Awareness	3-4:30 DPC-Springer 1 & 2
7	Child Murder and Infanticide	12:30-1:30 DPC-Classroom # 3
7	Grand Rounds	12:30-1:30 DPC-Classroom # 3
11	Professional Boundaries	8:30-11:00 DPC-Springer 1 & 2
14	Grand Rounds	12:30-1:30 DPC-Classroom # 3
19	Social Determinants of Health - Hope & Opportunity	9-12 Hudson State SC
21	Grief Recovery: Loss for the Problem Gambler	9-4 Community Serv. Bldg. (Room 109)
21	Grand Rounds	12:30-1:30 DPC-Classroom # 3
22	Grief Recovery: Loss for the Problem Gambler	9-4 Hampton Inn-Rehoboth
28	Grand Rounds	12:30-1:30 DPC-Classroom # 3



# Save the Date!

## Loneliness Conference

**April 1st, 2014  
9:00am-4:00pm**

**Arsht Hall  
2800 Pennsylvania  
Ave.  
Wilmington, DE  
19806**

**Come and hear about the impact of loneliness on  
the lives of people with a serious mental illness.  
Also, com learn about early interventions for  
Loneliness.**

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