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## **Mission**

The mission of the Florida Substance Abuse and Mental Health Corporation is to make recommendations to the Executive and Legislative branches of how best to address the public delivery of mental health and substance abuse services in Florida. The Corporation's goal is to make mental health and substance abuse treatment one of the top five priorities for state government.

## **History**

The Florida Substance Abuse and Mental Health Corporation is a non-profit corporation created by the Legislature to direct efforts designed to improve interagency coordination of substance abuse and mental health services in order to ensure that these services promote recovery and resiliency-based systems of care. The Corporation oversees the state's publicly funded substance abuse and mental health services; the Governor, President of the Senate and Speaker of the House appoint its 12 directors.

The Corporation is charged with making recommendations annually to the Governor and the Legislature on policies designed to promote system transformation by providing mechanisms for input from stakeholders- including primary consumers, family members, providers, and advocates-concerning the management of the overall system, and that will improve the coordination, quality, and efficiency of the system.

The Corporation has two staff: Ellen Piekalkiewicz (Executive Director) and Linda Rayner (Policy Assistant).