



# Why is the Interdepartmental Serious Mental Illness Coordinating Committee (ISMICC) Important?

## Overview of ISMICC

ISMICC was authorized by the 21st Century Cures Act to improve quality of care for adults and children with mental health conditions. It focuses on enhancing coordination across the federal agencies whose work affects behavioral health. This infographic summarizes the organization, role, & priorities of ISMICC.

## Historic Importance

For the first time, a federal committee on mental health is reporting directly to the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

A new Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use is established.

## Role of the Committee

Summarize advances in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of mental health conditions in children and adults.

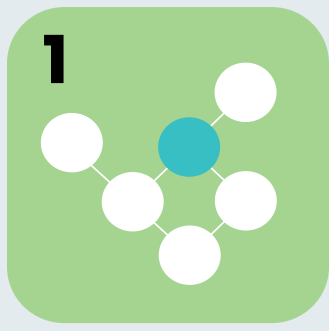
Evaluate the public health impact of federal programs on serious mental illnesses.

Make recommendations for how the federal government can better coordinate the administration of mental health services.

## Committee Members



## ISMICC Areas of Focus



**1**  
Strengthen Federal Coordination



**2**  
Make It Easier To Get Good Care



**3**  
Close The Gap Between What Works and What is Offered



**4**  
Improve Care for Justice-Involved Individuals

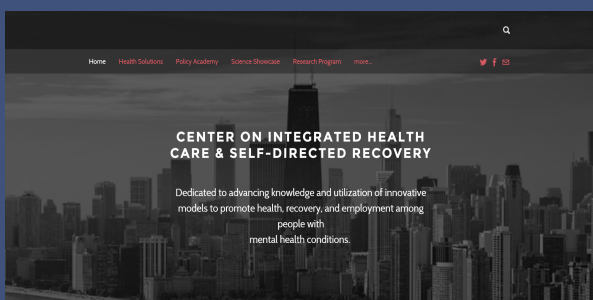


**5**  
Increase Availability and Affordability of Care

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