**About the Center for Prevention Evaluation and Statistics (CPES)**

The **Center for Prevention Evaluation and Statistics (CPES),** staffed by Jane Ungemack, Dr. PH., Principal Investigator, and Jennifer Sussman, Coordinator, was established by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) to support the Prevention and Health Promotion (PHP) Unit in its efforts through the identification, collection, analysis, interpretation and dissemination of data pertaining to substance abuse prevention, mental health, and health disparities. The CPES convenes, supports and chairs the State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW), which supports the PFS 2015 initiative, as well as the larger PHP infrastructure, and fosters data sharing among its members and partners.

CPES is also tasked with:

* identification, access and assessment of indicator data;
* provision of research and statistical expertise and support;
* training and technical assistance on evaluation and data use (with the Prevention Training and Technical Assistance Service Center, or TTASC);
* tracking of behavioral health indicators;
* development and maintenance of the interactive SEOW Data Portal, in partnership with the Connecticut Data Collaborative; and
* dissemination of findings via technical reports, epidemiological profiles, presentations, and consultation.

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