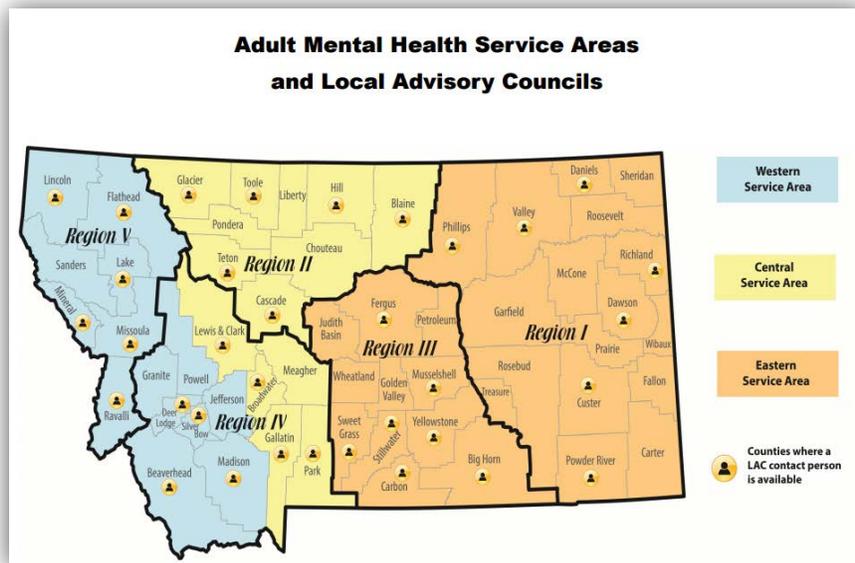


## SERVICE AREA AUTHORITIES (SAA)

### What is an SAA?

The primary purpose of an SAA is to ensure that individuals accessing public mental health care, their families, and other interested community stakeholders may actively collaborate with the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) in defining and monitoring the systems of public mental health care. Their primary objective is to ensure a person-centered, recovery oriented mental health system in Montana that provides every individual served in the public mental health system a greater voice in the system that serves them.



### Who is eligible to join an SAA?

Individuals of mental health services, their families, providers, and other interested community members who are at least 16 years of age or older and reside in the region.

### How do I become a member of an SAA?

There are three SAAs: Eastern Service Area Authority, Central Service Area Authority, and Western Service Area Authority. To become a member contact:

**Eastern Service Area Authority**

<http://esaamontana.org/>

**Central Service Area Authority**

<http://centralsaamontana.org/>

**Western Service Area Authority**

<http://wsaa-montana.org/>

Visit the Addictive and Mental Disorders Division at:

<http://dphhs.mt.gov/amdd/Mentalhealthservices>