

## **ADHS/DBHS Office of Human Rights**

The Office of Human Rights (OHR), established within ADHS/DBHS, is responsible for assisting individuals who have been determined to have a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) with understanding, exercising and protecting their rights through outreach and education, addressing systemic issues and direct advocacy assistance. OHR advocates assist individuals, primarily individuals in need of Special Assistance, with individual service planning and inpatient treatment/discharge planning and the grievance/investigation and appeal processes. The Office of Human Rights is also responsible for providing general oversight, addressing systemic issues and maintaining a list of all individuals in need of Special Assistance to help ensure that their needs are met.