

# *DHSS High Priority Performance Goals*

The key goals for the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) are to:

- Promote health and well-being for the people of Delaware
- Protect Delaware's most vulnerable populations
- Foster self-sufficiency
- Promote efficiency in government

In meeting these goals, DHSS will focus its limited resources on those indicators that have the highest potential to produce the greatest return on resources invested.

**1. Promote health and well being for the people of Delaware by:**

- Decreasing tobacco use by adults aged 18 and over
- Decreasing tobacco use by children aged under 18
- Rate of breast cancer/rate of diagnosis
- Decreasing the teenage birth rate for girls ages 15-17
- Decreasing the rate of infant mortality
- Decreasing the rate of obesity in adults
- Decreasing the rate of obesity in children

**2. Protect Delaware's vulnerable populations by:**

- Reducing the readmissions to DSAMH programs within 180 days
- Increasing the number of persons transitioned or diverted from a nursing home or DPC to the community

**3. Promote efficiency in government by:**

- Reducing energy costs by meeting 100% of the requirements of Executive Order #18
- Reducing overtime in state operated 24 hour facilities

**4. Foster self sufficiency by:**

- Increasing participation rate for TANF participants in training and employment programs
- Increasing the number of visually impaired with successful job placements in a competitive setting
- Reducing repeat request for emergency DSSC benefits
- Assist low and moderate income Delawareans to increase their present and future financial security by creating and following a financial plan, increasing income, decreasing debt, increasing savings, and applying for and enrolling in post-secondary education