

MENTAL HEALTH COURT



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Caring for Our Community



Our Mission:

To provide behavioral healthcare services that exceed expectations for quality, availability and satisfaction.

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MISSION

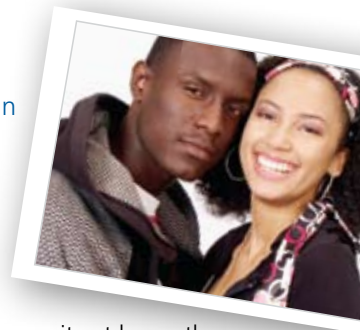
The mission of Mental Health Court is to establish a link between the judicial system and local community service providers thereby facilitating rehabilitation through treatment instead of traditional legal penalties. The program reduces the number of incarcerated individuals with mental illness along with the costs incurred for their care.

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Any person charged with a misdemeanor crime, except DUI, domestic violence and battery, who is presently mentally ill or has a history of such, is eligible to be screened for participation in the Mental Health Court Program. Qualified cases are diverted from the regular criminal court docket to a court environment that will ensure that defendants with mental illness are treated with dignity. The Judge, Court staff, Legal Counsel and Treatment Team offer guidance to ensure defendants successfully complete the program.

Participation in the program is voluntary and all defendants must:

- Attend regular court appearances
- Demonstrate progress toward goals
- Establish cooperatively an individualized intervention plan
- Meet conditions of probation, if applicable
- Participate in mental health treatment
- Refrain from all illegal activity



GOALS

In addition to the improvement of public safety for our community at large, the Mental Health Court strives to assist non-violent offenders with mental illness to:

- Improve quality of life and personal well being
- Obtain mental health treatment, through improved access to services
- Participate in alternatives to incarceration, when legally permitted
- Reduce chance of recidivism through education
- Reduce time to process charges through the criminal justice system

REFERRALS

Referrals may come from arresting officers, jail personnel, prosecutors, defense attorneys, the Court or family members.

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