

Justice Related Services Mental Health Court

HSAO Mission Statement

Our mission is to empower individuals, families and communities by improving their quality of life through specialized, personalized, enhanced and effective service coordination.

Resources:

988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Resolve Crisis Services 888-796-8226

Pathways to Care and Recovery (Support for substance abuse) 1-800-662-HELP (4357)

About Mental Health Court

Mental Health Court (MHC) is designed to promote treatment and service access in the community rather than incarceration for persons who have mental illness and have been charged with a crime in Allegheny County.

MHC is a voluntary program where an individual chooses to engage in treatment and community support.

The individual is under the supervision of probation who will work with the treatment team to support the individual in following court guidelines and recommendations. The court utilizes a team approach including the Court, Office of the District Attorney, Public Defender's Office, Adult Probation and Justice Related Services. Participants attend regularly scheduled review hearings in front of the Court to receive on-going support toward achieving goals on their court-ordered service plan.

Who is eligible?

Pending a misdemeanor and/or non-violent felony charge in Allegheny County

Documented qualifying mental health diagnosis signed by a licensed psychiatrist or medical doctor

Must be 18 years or older

Individuals must agree to participate in services

**Once a referral is screened for the criteria above, the referral will be added to a list to be further reviewed by the Mental Health Court referral team.



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What documents are needed to refer?

JRS Mental Health Court referral form (can also be completed by phone if the physical form is not available to you)

Documentation of qualifying MH diagnosis signed by a licensed psychiatrist or medical doctor

**When an individual is referred to Mental Health Court, they will simultaneously be referred to Diversion or County Support. If they meet the criteria identified above, they will be supported by Diversion or County Support, even if not ultimately accepted into MHC.

To complete/submit a referral:

Email: <u>HSAOJRSReferral@hsao.org</u>

Fax: (412) 415-0652

Phone: 412-301-8220

Contact Information:

Gristmill Corporate Center

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Services provided will be kept strictly confidential.



