

Mental Health Treatment Court Services

- ◆ Ongoing judicial supervision to monitor compliance with treatment recommendations
- ◆ Ready access to mental health services and resources
- ◆ Specialized substance abuse/mental health treatment services
- ◆ Random drug/alcohol testing
- ◆ Social service support

Program Goals

- ⇒ Reduce recidivism
- ⇒ Facilitate participant recovery
- ⇒ Increase compliance with treatment and other court-ordered conditions
- ⇒ Improve access to mental health services
- ⇒ Improve family relationships and social support connections
- ⇒ Improve life stability

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Therapeutic Justice Court

Fourteenth Judicial Circuit

Mental Health Court



WHAT IS THERAPEUTIC JUSTICE COURT (TJC)?

Therapeutic Justice Court is a mental health court program designed specifically to help individuals in the criminal justice system charged with a felony offense and struggling with serious mental illness and/or co-occurring disorders that may be a result of their mental health diagnosis.

The program provides a means to divert eligible participants from the traditional justice system and provides them rehabilitation and support through comprehensive mental health and substance abuse treatment; education; vocational programs; community resource referrals for housing, childcare, and transportation all while being judicially monitored.

The participant can enter into Therapeutic Justice Court one of two ways:

- Condition of Probation
- Deferred Prosecution

The program is a collaborative effort between the court system and community agencies to assist the participant in moving toward stability. Therapeutic Justice Court is a voluntary 12–24 month program with an emphasis on outcome-based treatment.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- A defendant charged with a felony offense and limited criminal history;
- A defendant with a verifiable mental health diagnosis;
- A defendant who has the consent of the prosecuting attorney for referral and the TJC Team's approval to participate; and
- A defendant who is willing to participate in treatment for the duration of their involvement in the program.

PROGRAM OUTLINE

- Attend court hearings once or twice a month to review progress in the program;
- Attend substance abuse and/or mental health counseling as appropriate;
- Submit to random urine drug screens;
- Comply with individualized treatment plan as outlined by team; and
- Non-compliance could result in termination from the program.