

## Mental Health Court

The criteria for consideration for participation in the Mental Health Court are:

- An individual with an apparent mental health issue who has allegedly committed misdemeanor offenses.
- Based on community protection and identified mental health treatment needs, the District Attorney may consider non-person Class B or C Felony cases for inclusion in the Mental Health Court.
- **Individuals considered for the program must have a primary diagnosis of mental illness. An individual may also have a co-occurring substance abuse issue.**
- Potential participants will be assessed by the Mental Health Department. If in custody this will be done by the Mental Health Specialist assigned to the Jail. If out of custody this can be done by the Mental Health Specialist or by referral of the individual's Mental Health caseworker.
- Participants' mental illness must be treatable in a community setting.
- Participants must be legally competent and voluntarily consent to participation in the Mental Health Court.
- Participant must be a resident of Coos County.



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# COOS COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH COURT

The Coos County Mental Health Court is a cooperative effort between local law enforcement agencies, Coos County Mental Health, Coos County Community Corrections, the Coos County District Attorney, Southwestern Oregon Public Defender, and the Coos Circuit Court to better serve the needs of the community and of the mentally ill offenders who routinely come in contact with the criminal justice system primarily due to their mental health issue(s). The caseload for this court will not



exceed 24 individuals at any given time. The Mental Health Court will offer individuals the opportunity to have their case dismissed through deferred sentencing if they successfully complete the program implemented in cooperation with the Court Team.

## Objectives of Coos County Mental Health Court

- To protect public safety
- To reduce the frequency with which those suffering from mental disorders encounter the criminal justice system.
- To improve the mental health and well-being of the individuals who participate in the Coos County Mental Health Court.
- To develop stronger links between the criminal justice system, mental health and other social service agencies to better coordinate and enhance the overall delivery of mental health and chemical dependency services for those individuals involved in the criminal justice system.
- To reduce the burden on police officers, probation officers, mental health case workers and treatment providers by providing intensive case planning, and ongoing court oversight of the individuals taking part in the Mental Health Court.

## Eligible Participant

- Must cooperate with the Mental Health Assessment
- Must voluntarily consent to participate in Mental Health Court.
- Must enter a guilty plea to all charges.
- Must agree to abide by the Treatment Plan developed by the Mental Health Court Team.
- Must successfully complete the term of probation in order for the charge(s) to be dismissed at the end of the Deferred Sentencing Period.
- Participation is usually 18 months in duration.
- Must appear on first Wednesday of each month in Mental Health Court.

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