Mental Health Court Advocacy

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Providing one-on-one services for mentally ill or cognitively impaired offenders with special needs.

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How can the **Mental Health Court Advocacy Program** help you?

We are open to working with individuals on a court-mandated or volunteer basis following their appearance in Arraignment Court.

Please call 1-800-322-3284



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Our team consists of:

a licensed psychologist, a coordinator, and forensic case managers. Our goal is to secure for our clients mental health and/or psychiatric intervention, medical services, entitlement benefits, substance abuse services, and referrals to long-term case management services.

Mental Health Court Advocacy Program

The main objective of this program is to divert mentally ill & cognitively impaired offenders (often dually diagnosed with drug and alcohol abuse) from further adjudication and confinement. We believe that identifying these individuals early leads to potentially successful treatment and, as a result, decreased recidivism rather than punishment.

Our staff appears in arraignment court from 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM.

Our program offers services for individuals that:

- Require short-term intensive case management services (anywhere from 1 to a maximum 90 days) or require continued long-term case management services through Adult-LINK
- Are mandated by the Court to comply with our case management services
- Have not taken a plea, but had their cases adjourned with the court's recommendation that they work with the Mental Health Court Advocacy Program
- Are willing to work comply with the program on a voluntary basis

We offer a **SAFE PLACE**

where individuals with

special needs

can have individual
one-on-one contact.

We have excellent referrals for:

- psychiatric assessments
- · medical care
- benefits
- in-patient
- out-patient
- vocational services

