

Program Requirements

- Participants must not use or be in possession of illegal drugs or alcohol including synthetic drugs or any other mood alternating chemicals/substances.
- Medical marijuana will not be permitted
- Participants must take medication as prescribed by a medical doctor. All prescription medications must be disclosed to the court.
- Participants are not allowed to gamble or go to casinos.
- Participants must submit to random urinalysis as ordered by the court, probation officer, or treatment providers. Failure to submit will be considered non-compliant behavior. Diluted or altered samples will not be tolerated and may result in expulsion from the program.
- Participants must attend all court sessions as ordered and probation officer appointments on time.
- Participants must attend all treatment appointments and must contact all treatment providers if a session is to be missed before the scheduled session.
- Participants must treat fellow participants, treatment staff, treatment providers, and probation officers with respect.

- Participants must always tell the truth.
- Participants must not violate any law or local ordinance and understand that if a participant engages in any criminal act, they may be prosecuted.
- Participants must report all law enforcement contact to their probation officer within 48 hours of such contact.
- Participants must notify their probation officer if they intend to move their residence, there is a change of residents in their household, or any change, disconnection, or newly acquired telephone number.
- Participants must notify their probation officer if they intend to change employment.
- Participants must get permission from their probation officer and the court if they intend to leave St. Louis County.
- Participants must complete 40 hours of community service.

Drug Testing

Participants will be randomly drug tested at the direction of a Treatment Court Team member, probation officer, or ordered by the Judge.



Co-Occurring Specialty Court

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General Overview

The Co-Occurring Specialty Court is a court-supervised, comprehensive treatment program for those involved in the criminal justice system facing violations of local ordinances that suffer from mental illness. It is a voluntary program that requires regular court appearances and attendance at treatment sessions and includes but is not limited to; drug testing, individual and group counseling, meetings with one's assigned probation officer, and regular meetings attendance at community support meetings. The program structure consists of the successful completion of the three phases that include milestones modeled after evidence-based practices.

Entrance into the Program

Before a defendant can enter the program as a participant they must be evaluated to ensure that the program can meet their needs and the participant is able to successfully navigate the program. The first step towards acceptance into the program is to obtain an order to be evaluated from the judge presiding over the defendant case(s).

Following the initial evaluation the Treatment Court Team consisting representatives from the County Counselor's Office, Probation Officers, Case Workers, Treatment Providers, Specialty Court Supervisor, and Specialty Court Judge will do a final screening for admission. Notification of the outcome of the final review will be sent to the appropriate parties and the court that ordered the evaluation. If the defendant is accepted into the program as a participant, a first court date will be sent to the participant.

Eligibility Criteria

Pre-Plea or Diversion Track

- Defendant meets the criteria for Axis I diagnosis as provided by the Department of Mental Health
- Defendant has no serious violent offenses and no history or serious violent behaviors
- Defendant has no evidence of significant and/or substantial drug dealing
- Defendant is not currently on parole
- Defendant voluntarily agrees to participate in the program
- Defendant may or may not have an ongoing struggle with addiction

Post-Plea Track

- Defendant meets the criteria for Axis I diagnosis as provided by the Department of Mental Health
- Defendant has no serious violent offenses and no history or serious violent behaviors
- Defendant has no evidence of significant and/or substantial drug dealing
- Defendant is not currently on parole
- Defendant may or may not have an ongoing struggle with addiction
- Defendant has a least 18 months left on probation term

Treatment

The treatment counselor and case worker will assess the level and intensity of treatment that is needed. This program is designed to help participants attain and maintain an enhanced quality of life by addressing the main components of (1) emotional (2) medical (3) housing (4) substance abuse, if applicable (5) purposeful community action/employment.