

**HAMILTON COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
MENTAL HEALTH COURT  
COMMUNITY TREATMENT INTERVENTION PROJECT (MHC)**

When charged with a felony level offense in Hamilton County, MHC provides responsive, integrated treatment intervention services to severely and persistently mentally ill persons (Axis I diagnosis) who are often substance using. Once identified, candidates are routinely screened for participation eligibility, assessed for risk, and provided a diagnostic assessment. If eligible for MHC services, the criminal case is administratively moved to a special docket where an individualized mental health community treatment plan is developed by an interdisciplinary MHC team. When the treatment intervention plan is accepted by the Court, criminal justice and treatment compliance are required as a condition of Diversion, Intervention in Lieu of Conviction, or Community Control.

**Common Pleas Mental Health Court Judges**

- Honorable Jody Luebbers, Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas Docket Tuesday, 10:00AM
- Honorable Lisa Allen, Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas Docket Thursday, 2:00PM

**Legal Eligibility Guidelines**

- Felony 3, 4, 5 level offense with prosecutorial and victim consent are preliminarily eligible.
- Plea of Guilty to the offense as charged.
- No history of serious or repetitive violence (reviewed by MHC prosecutor and MHC Team).
- Specialized Docket Tracts: Diversion, Intervention in Lieu of Conviction, Community Control.
- Intervention can occur at multiple points of case proceeding including, Pre-Plea, Post Sentencing, Violation of Probation, or Reentry Planning from Jail by way of Sentence Mitigation.
- The program cannot accept individuals between plea and sentencing, but rather, must wait to review the case post sentencing if Community Control is ordered.
- Exclusions: NGRI, Incompetent to Stand Trial, any history of sex offenses, offenses involving weapons (significant history of weapons offenses), persistent offending that is not mental health driven
- Resident of Hamilton County both currently and at the time of the offense.

**Mental Health Eligibility Guidelines**

- Diagnosis of Schizophrenia; Schizoaffective Disorder; Bipolar Disorder; or Major Depressive Disorder, Recurrent.
- Must also be appropriate for intensive case management services and treatment.
- Cognitive ability to understand and voluntarily participate in mental health service plan.

**MHCCTIP Partnership**

- Mental Health Court Judges
- Mental Health Court Prosecutor
- Public Defender or Retained Defense Counsel
- Court Clinic Forensic Services
- Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services
- Talbert House Day Treatment, The Crossroads Center, and Summit Behavioral Services
- Hamilton County Community Mental Health and Recovery Treatment Services
- Pretrial and Community Transitions Services, Probation Mitigation and MDO Supervision Team
- Hamilton County Justice Center Mental Health Unit
- Mental Health Access Point

**Length of Program**

When an individual successfully completes all phases of treatment, the individual becomes eligible to graduate from the program. Responding to treatment will vary from individual to individual; therefore some may remain in supportive case management for the entire period of Judicial Supervision. Judicial Supervision may last up to five years but will not exceed the maximum sentence for the offense.

**Please contact Gary Yuratovac, Program Director for Specialized Dockets with any questions or to make a referral.**

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