

## Allegheny County Office of Behavioral Health Justice Related Services

Justice Related Services provides support for adults with a mental illness or co-occurring substance use disorder or dual diagnosis of intellectual disability who are involved in the criminal justice system.

Services are provided during and following court proceedings and incarceration in order to promote successful transition back into the community and reduce the likelihood of returning to incarceration by providing access to treatment, supports and recovery-oriented programs.

Eligibility for services is based on a combination of current criminal charges and behavioral health diagnoses.

### Justice Related Services include:

- Assessment and service planning
- Written Service Plan presented to the Courts
- Coordinating release from Allegheny County Jail
- Referrals to treatment and other supports
- Referrals to and assistance with housing
- Assistance with Medicaid and Social Security
- Linkage to community supports
- Follow-up and monitoring in the Community
- Collaboration with Jail, Providers, and Probation
- Advocating and supporting recovery

### Diversion

Develops and presents a service plan at the **Preliminary Hearing** and follows the case up to the **Formal Arraignment**. Service plans may include housing, treatment services, supportive services and links to community service coordination.

### Support

Follows the case from the **Formal Arraignment** and develops and presents a service plan to a Court of Common Pleas Judge at the **Trial** or **Probation Violation**. Service plans may include housing, treatment services, supportive services and links to community service coordination.

### Mental Health Court

Specialty court designed to promote community-based treatment in lieu of incarceration for adults with mental illness who have been charged with a misdemeanor and/or non-violent felony in Allegheny County.



## Criteria for Individuals Referred to Justice Related Services

### Eligibility Criteria:

- Client must have an active pending criminal court case within Allegheny County and/or a pending Probation violation within Allegheny County.
- Client must want to participate on a voluntary basis.
- Client must reside within Allegheny County.
- Client has a documented diagnosis of a mental illness or is dually diagnosed with a mental illness in conjunction with drug and alcohol. See page 3 for specific diagnoses that are eligible.

In order to fully process a referral for services, JRS will need a psychiatric or psychological evaluation (Axis I-III), signed by a licensed psychiatrist or psychologist. If able, please forward with referral. The referral will not be fully processed until the psychiatric evaluation has been received.

### Exceptions:

If the consumer has the following legal issues despite the MH Criteria, they do not qualify for JRS Services:

- Criminal Homicide
- Criminal Attempt Homicide
- Out of county detainers
- Out of state detainers
- Federal detainers
- Shuman Detainers
- Family Division detainers
  - PFA Violations (unless referred by judge)
  - Child Support
- Only Summary Charges
- Only Traffic Charges

### Mental Health Court Exceptions:

Clients with the following charges are not eligible:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Assault by Prisoner | <input type="checkbox"/> Homicide Offenses                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drug Trafficking    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Offenses                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DUI                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Theft by extortion with threats of violence |

**(Aggravated Assault, Arson, Burglary, Robbery & VUFA offenses may be reviewed on a case by case basis)**

Clients who have Probation Violation cases **only** are not eligible for Mental Health Court.



**Criteria for Individuals Referred to Justice Related Services**

Below is a listing of diagnostic categories for individuals that will and will not meet the eligibility for referral to the Justice Related Services of Allegheny County Office of Behavioral Health for mental health services. All providers were required to transition to the ICD-10/DSM-V diagnostic criteria as of October 1, 2015. Below reflects the updated diagnoses as reflected in the ICD-10 and DSM-V.

Eligible	Not Eligible
Schizophrenia	Adjustment Disorder with NO major mental illness diagnosis
Major Depression	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
Bipolar Disorder	Major Depressive Disorder, recurrent episode, unspecified (Depression NOS) – without history*
Disruptive Mood Dysregulation Disorder	Dissociative Disorder*
Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome	Unspecified Neurocognitive Disorder*
Obsessive Compulsive Disorder	Impulse Control Disorder
Panic Disorder, without agoraphobia	Pedophilia with NO major mental illness diagnosis
Psychotic Disorder Brief Psychotic Disorder	Sexual deviance with NO major mental illness diagnosis
Anxiety Disorder , without agoraphobia	Drug and Alcohol disorder with NO mental illness diagnosis
Eating Disorder	Intellectual Disability with no mental illness diagnosis*
Dysthymic Disorder	Intermittent Explosive Disorder

\*Referrals including these diagnoses will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

For further information contact: Rozalind Pielin, Intake Coordinator for Justice Related Services at 412-301-8220 x101

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**JUSTICE RELATED SERVICES REFERRAL FORM**

*(Diversion, Support, Mental Health Court)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Referral: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Referral Source: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Referral Source Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Referral Source Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Client's Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ SCU: \_\_\_\_\_ Client ID: \_\_\_\_\_

SS#: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_

Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

Case Manager/Treatment Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Medications: \_\_\_\_\_

D & A issues:  Yes  No Drug(s) of Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

In Jail:  Yes  No (if yes) Date of Incarceration: \_\_\_\_\_ ACJ DOC#: \_\_\_\_\_

**Court Status:** *(please check box)*

**OTN#(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

Preliminary Hearing  Formal Arraignment  Pre-Trial Conference  Trial  Probation Violation

Date of Next Court Action: \_\_\_\_\_

Charges: \_\_\_\_\_

Judge/Magisterial District Judge: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

On Probation/Parole:  Yes  No Officer: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Client Needs:**  Mental Health Treatment  Drug and Alcohol Treatment  Housing Placement

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_ VETERAN:  Yes  No

*(Please check services you are referring individual to below)*

Diversion  Support  Mental Health Court

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\*Referrals can be electronically submitted to [DHS-JRS@AlleghenyCounty.US](mailto:DHS-JRS@AlleghenyCounty.US) or by Fax 412-415-0652