

MINNESOTA JUDICIAL BRANCH HENNEPIN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH COURT FACT SHEET

PROGRAM MISSION:

The mission of Hennepin County Criminal Mental Health Court is to address the unmet mental health needs of defendants and to increase public safety through a specialized program that involves intensive supervision by probation, referral and case management services provided by the Criminal Mental Health Court Team and community agencies, frequent appearances before the Criminal Mental Health Court Judge, mandatory chemical health and/or mental health treatment, regular attendance at support groups, and frequent random drug testing.

····· PROGRAM GOALS ······













Reduce recidivism

Reduce emergency room visits and hospitalizations

Improve life stability

Increase compliance court ordered

conditions

Reduce jail time

Facilitate access to services

58%

of participants who exited in 2015 did not recidivate within two years

77%

of participants have zero hospitalizations during program participation*

42%

drop in unemployment from program start to finish*

43%

of treatment referrals are completed successfully*

57%

of participants spend no time in jail during program participation *

86%

of participants leave the program with health insurance coverage *

······ PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK ······

81% of participants surveyed agree they would recommend Mental Health Court to a friend in a similar situation.



"I wouldn't be where I am without Mental Health Court."

"I appreciate its services and what it's done for me."

"I am really appreciative of everyone here."

.....KEY PROGRAM METRICS

175
Participants in
January 2018

14
Average months
to complete
program*

367
Mental Health
Court referrals
in 2017

Average court appearances*

36
Average age of participants*



50% graduation rate

31% women*

69% men^{*}

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