

## WASHTENAW COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT COURT

The Mission of the Washtenaw County Mental Health Treatment Court (WCMHTC) is to promote public safety and reduce repeated criminal behavior committed by untreated, mentally ill Individuals. The program's goal is to reinforce pro-social behavior via intense supervision, mental health treatment, and community-based wraparound supports. In short, we aim to decrease recidivism while assisting individuals' ability to manage their mental illness.

### **Eligibility - Must Meet ALL of the following:**

**Residency** - Individual must live in Washtenaw County.

**Clinical Eligibility** - Individual must be diagnosed with a serious mental illness, serious emotional disturbance, co-occurring disorder, or developmental disability as defined in section 100d of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1100d. If co-occurring, the serious mental illness must be primary.

**Legal Eligibility** - Individual must plead guilty or no contest to a misdemeanor, and is excluded from entry into the program if s/he has ever pled guilty to, been charged with, or found guilty of:

1. Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC) of any degree.
2. Violent offenses – those that caused death or great bodily harm.

### **Referral/ Intake Process**

**15<sup>th</sup> District** – Upon approval of Presiding Judge and APA, a referral form is processed by the Mental Health Court Coordinator. The individual must make an appointment for a screening interview with the Probation Agent. During this appointment, s/he signs a consent for the Release of Information (ROI) for the results of the Mental Health Assessment, which is administered by Washtenaw County Community Mental Health. All prospective participants receive a Participant Handbook for review.

The WCMHTC Team reviews results of the Mental Health Assessment and screening interview. Once the individual is determined to be suitable for entry into the Court, s/he and the defense attorney are notified of the sentencing date. Prospective participants are directed to observe a Mental Health Court docket prior to sentencing.

**Transfer Cases** Referrals are processed in the same manner as 15<sup>th</sup> District cases; however, the individual is sentenced into the originating court first, then transferred to the 15<sup>th</sup> District for supervision during the probation term.