Montgomery County, MD - Veterans Network Directory

Veterans Courts and Corrections

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Montgomery County Circuit Court - Mental Health Court

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cct/mental-health-court.html

240-777-9141 (Problem Solving Courts Coordinator)

In early 2016, the Mental Health Court Planning and Implementation Task Force recommended the creation of a Mental Health Problem-Solving Court in both Montgomery County's District and Circuit Courts. The Mental Health Court (MCH) eliminates the need for separate Veterans Treatment Dockets (VTDs)—court-supervised, comprehensive treatment programs for veterans suffering from mental health conditions such as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury, and/or substance abuse issues.

Anyone can refer a defendant to the MHC Coordinator, including, but not limited to, judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, law enforcement, the Department of Correction and Rehabilitation, Parole and Probation, state hospitals, private mental health providers, and family members. Individuals eligible to participate in the new court are adults (age 18 or older) who are:

- Residents of Montgomery County;
- Diagnosed or assessed to be suffering from or impaired by a mental illness;
- Deemed to be competent; and
- Charged with or on probation for offenses related to their mental health diagnosis.

Mental illnesses found among eligible participants include, but are not limited to, schizophrenia, clinical depression, bipolar disorder, PTSD, and Traumatic Brain Injury. Individuals with developmental disabilities who also have a mental illness may also be eligible to participate.

In Circuit Court, the defendant will need to plead guilty before entering the program, with the goal of reducing his/her criminal charges or allowing him/her to earn a probation-before-judgment (PBJ) upon successful completion and graduation.

Montgomery County Correctional Facility

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Responsible for the custody and care of male and female offenders who are either in a pre-trial status or serving sentences of up to 18 months. Provide progressive and comprehensive correctional services to all inmates.