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# Mental Health Managed Counsel Program

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### INTRODUCTION

The Collin County MHMC program was created to seek systemic solutions to get and keep mentally ill defendants out of the criminal justice system. Defendants diagnosed with Mental Illness are promptly identified and appointed specially trained attorneys who assist with their criminal cases. The program creates direct linkage between the courts and community resources, providing immediate intervention to those in need. Rather than addressing only the criminal needs of the client, the program strives to connect them with mental heath services, transportation, and housing.

Services provided by the MHMC Office include but are not limited to:

- Early ID of Mental Illness
- Appointment of counsel specialized in mental health defense
- Indigent Defense and appointment of all wheel attorneys
- MH Bond Program
- Coordination of competency restoration or stabilization plans
- Case management
- Defendant Advocacy

## **Program Activities**

- Recipient 2018 County Best Practices Award for Competency Restoration from the Texas Association of Counties
- Coordinated the annual Collin County MH Symposium for the past 5 years to engage law enforcement, judiciary, attorneys and mental health providers
- Ongoing Training on MH related topics
- Ongoing State Hospital Liaison
- Ongoing coordination with Lifepath Systems Jail Diversion Program
- Ongoing coordination with Lifepath Systems Crisis Respite Unit

# Cases Served by MHMC

FY	Inmates	Early ID of Mental IIIness (EIMI) Notices of CCP 16.22	Individuals Served by MHMC	Cases Served by MHMC
2014	20,457	5140 (25%)	1299	2159
2015	20,437	5733 (28%)	1412	2333
2016	16,963	4072 (24%)	1316	2347
2017	17,150	5734 (33%)	1626	2798
2018	18,534	6302 (34%)	1599	2791

### Mental Health Bond Savings

FY	Bond Clients	Days Saved	Total Savings
2014	123	5,997	\$418,530
2015	151	7,964	\$555,807
2016	231	11,061	\$771,947
2017	196	10,062	\$945,828
2018	248	12,108	\$1,138,152

Clients would be expected to remain in custody:

Felony Offenses - 90 days until eligible for regular PR Bond Misd A Offenses - 30 days until eligible for regular PR Bond Misd B Offenses - 15 days until eligible for regular PR Bond

\* Note - Average cost per day calculated at \$69.79 for 2014-2016, \$94 per day for 2017 forward

## **Competency Jail Days Saved**

FY	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Average # Days in Custody	271	184	160	169	193	140
Cost Savings		\$207,060	\$512,820	\$414,120	\$338,520	\$412,160

\* Baseline - Competency cases (2012) were spending an average of 271 days in custody. The baseline of 271 days was used to calculate cost savings based on the reduction of average days in custody.





