

Juvenile Mental Health Intervention Program (JMHIP)

The Mission

The mission of the Collin County Juvenile Mental Health Intervention Program (JMHIP) is to help juvenile offenders who suffer with a mental illness and acting out or violating the law be successful in their home. Utilizing a multidisciplinary approach, the team will effectively address mental health needs by connecting participants and their family's to treatment providers and community resources to reduce the number of juveniles who reoffend. The program aims to hold participants accountable for their actions while building on their strengths and reconnecting them to healthy peers, family, and adult relationships as well as prosocial activities.

Target Population/Eligibility Criteria

Juveniles between the ages of 10-17 diagnosed with mood disorder, psychosis, mania, anxiety, anger issues, and ADHD. Other mental health diagnosis not listed, will be accepted. Juveniles diagnosed Intellectual and Developmental Disability (IDD) will be admitted into the program.

Eligibility Criteria

In order to be eligible admission into the program, juveniles must meet the following target population. Juveniles must have a DSM-5 diagnosis other than or in addition to substance abuse, ADHD, mental retardation, autism, pervasive developmental disorder, and an IQ of 70 or greater.

Program Overview

The Juvenile Mental Health Intervention Program is a court-centered, outpatient treatment program. The program averages nine (9) months in length and is open to youth between 10 to 17 years of age who have been diagnosed with mental illness.

Goal: The overall goal of the Juvenile Mental Health Intervention Program is to reduce the number of referrals to the criminal justice system while working with both the participant and their family to address mental illness. The JMHIP Program will utilize the multisystem approach to help participants mental health needs. JMHIP will work closely with the local mental health authority, local school districts, and other treatment providers to develop a treatment plan to provide appropriate mental health services for both the participants and their family.

JMHIP combines mental health treatment with frequent court appearances, home visits, academic advocacy, case management, counseling, and community based support. The team will consist of judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, clinical team lead, probation officers, case manager, director of education, treatment providers, and the families. Each member on the team plays a vital role in helping the participant successfully complete probation in their home as well as providing protection for the community. Community resources will be used to provide supportive services for the family while decreasing the need of out of home placements and/or incarceration.