

Collin County Mental Health Specialty Court

The Mission

The mission of the Collin County Mental Health Specialty Court is to reduce recidivism in our community by emphasizing treatment, stability, and accountability for persons with mental illness.

Target Population

Participants will be 17 and over with a mental health diagnosis of schizophrenia, schizoaffective, major depression, bipolar, or PTSD.

Eligibility Criteria

In order to be eligible admission into the program, they must meet the following target population. Must be 17 years of age or over with qualifying diagnosis. Eligible participants will have non-violent offenses.

Program Overview

The Collin County Mental Health Diversion Program is a court-centered, outpatient treatment program. The program averages nine months to a year in length and is open to ages between 17 and over who have been diagnosed with mental illness.

The goal of the Mental Health Treatment Court Program is to divert offenders suffering from mental illness out of the traditional criminal justice process and into the appropriate rehabilitation alternatives. The program will utilize the multisystem approach to help participants mental health needs. The Treatment Team incorporates robust and accountable mental health treatment into an intensive community supervision model. Successful completion of the program results in case dismissal and agreed expunction.

CCMHDP combines mental health treatment with frequent court appearances, home visits, case management, counseling, and community based support. The team will consist of judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, clinical team members, probation officers, case manager, and treatment providers. Each member on the team plays a vital role in helping the participant successfully complete the specialty court program as well as providing protection for the community. Community resources will be used to provide supportive services, while decreasing the need for hospitalization and incarceration.