

Emergency Numbers

Access Helpline (202) 671-3070
connection to the Department
of Mental Health for services.

Comprehensive Psychiatric
Emergency (CPEP)
(202) 673-9319

Suicide Hotline (800) SUI-CIDE
(784-2433)

National Alliance on Mental
Illness (NAMI) provides
individual, peer and family
supports groups. (202) 546-0646

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)
(202) 966-9115

Cocaine Anonymous Helpline
(202) 726- 1717

Narcotics Anonymous
(202) 399-5316

Marijuana Anonymous
(800) 766-6779

Homeless Outreach Services
(202) 671-0388

Coalition for the Homeless 1234
Massachusetts Ave, NW (202)
347-8870

Bread for the City
(202) 332-0440 / (202) 386-7082

CCNV Clinic (202) 737-5098

Department of Human Services
Emergency Assistance (202) 724-8719

Dial 211 for social service referrals
through Department of Human Services
(DHS)

Assessment and Referral Center
(ARC) 1300 First St, NE 2nd Fl (202)
727-8609. For detoxification services.

Psychiatric Institute of Washington
(PIW) 4228 Wisconsin Ave, NW
(202)-885-5600

Whitman Walker Clinic 1701 14th St,
NW (202) 939-7623

Neighbors' Consejo 3118 16th St,
NW (202) 234-6855

Calvary's Alternative to Alcohol and
Drug Abuse (CATAADA House)
802 Rhode Island Ave, NE 3rd Fl
(202) 832-8336

Clean & Sober Streets 425 2nd St, NW
(202) 783-7343

Department of Disability Services
(DDS) formerly MRDDA 1125 15th
St, NW (202) 730-1700

So Other Might Eat (SOME) 71 O
St, NW (202) 797-8806

Unity Health Care 1-866-388-6489
toll free



Superior Court of the

District of Columbia

500 Indiana Ave, NW

Washington, DC 20001

Mental Health Court

Diversion Pilot Program

Mental Health Court

Pilot Program Eligibility Criteria

A defendant is eligible for Mental Health Court if the following criteria have been met:

Defendant is currently placed in the D.C. Pretrial Services (PSA) Specialized Supervision Unit (SSU) and has completed intake with SSU.

SSU has confirmed a connection to mental health services.

The defendant is not currently charged with a domestic violence misdemeanor.

The defendant does not have any pending dangerous or violent felony charges.

The defendant does not have a conviction for a dangerous or violent felony in the past 5 years.

The defendant is not on probation, parole or supervised release for a dangerous or violent felony.

Defendant cannot be detained; however, placement in a halfway house is acceptable.

The United States Attorney's Office approves the defendant for Mental Health Court after a review of the circumstances of the pending case and the defendant's history.

In October 2007, the Superior Court of the District of Columbia established a specialized mental health diversion program due to the increasing number of seriously mentally ill defendants involved in the criminal justice system. The Mental Health Diversion Court sits in Hearing Room 206 on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

A criminal defendant who has a mental illness and may also have a substance or alcohol disorder may be eligible for the program. The goal is to connect the defendant with appropriate services, including mental health and drug and/or alcohol treatment. The mental health treatment is outpatient, through an agency of the defendant's choosing. The drug and/or alcohol treatment may be inpatient or outpatient, depending on the needs of the defendant.

The United States Attorney's Office determines whether a defendant is eligible after a review of the pending charges and the defendant's criminal history.

After the defendant is connected and engaged in the appropriate services, including mental health treatment and, if necessary, drug treatment, the USAO and the defendant enter into a written agreement, otherwise known as a Deferred Prosecution Agreement (DPA). The agreement requires that the defendant remain compliant with release conditions, including weekly meetings with a PSA SSU case manager and active engagement with mental health treatment. If the defendant has a substance abuse issue, release conditions may also include weekly drug testing and the completion of a drug treatment program. If the defendant complies with the conditions of release, the USAO will dismiss the charges at the end of a four month period. The Court will hold status hearings as necessary, but generally once a month, during the four month period.

