



# York County Treatment Courts

DRUG • DUI • MENTAL HEALTH • VETERANS

YORK COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

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## **Mental Health Treatment Court Participant Manual**

BLENDING JUSTICE, TREATMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICE SYSTEMS

The Honorable John S. Kennedy  
Court Session Options:  
Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.  
York County Judicial Center  
6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Court Room 3

Main Contact Number:  
717-771-9602

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# AGENDA

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## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

**Adult Probation Main Number:**  
**717-771-9602**

**Case Manager:** \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**My Attorney:** \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor:** \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Treatment Agency:** \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## TREATMENT COURT TEAM

**Adult Probation Main Number:**  
**717-771-9602**

- Cameron Romer, DTC/MHC Administrator
  - 717-771-9602 Ext. 213
- Betsy Anderson, MHC Probation Officer
  - 717-771-9602 Ext. 220
- Phil Cialini, MHC Probation Officer
  - 717-771-9602 Ext. 223
- Allison Schleig, DTC/MHC
  - 717-771-9222 Ext.322
- Holly Buck, Employment Specialist
  - 717-771-9803
- Angela Fox-Holtzapple, Assistant Public Defender
  - 717-771-9293 Ext 230
- Jennifer Lemmon, DTC/MHC Admin. Asst.
  - 717-771-9602 Ext. 240



**Did you know...75% of Treatment Court graduates never see another pair of handcuffs; however, individuals who enter Traditional Court relapse 75% of the time.**

# MAKING A CHOICE TO CHANGE

## We are here to help you.

*It really is that simple. You can get your life back. Reunite with your family and friends. Recreate meaningful relationships. Regain your health, self-respect and freedom.*

## What Is Mental Health Treatment Court?

*MHC is established to address the specialized needs of offenders with serious mental illness, thereby reducing recidivism rates, promoting public safety and improving the quality of life for offenders by establishing mandatory, comprehensive, community-based treatment and services within the guidelines of the York County Mental Health Court.*

It is not a...



## How Do Treatment Courts Work?

*Mental Health Court is approximately 12 to 18 months in length, although participants may remain in the program for a maximum of 24 months. The program consists of three phases. During Phase I, you will report to Court weekly, during Phase II every two weeks and finally, in Phase III, you will report to Court monthly. Participants must meet the requirements of each phase before moving to the next. Your probation officer and case manager will review these requirements with you at the beginning of each phase.*



**Provided with intensive treatment and other services that require you address issues, comply with medication, and to stay clean and sober**



**If required, regularly and randomly tested for drug use**

**Required to appear frequently in Court for the Judge to review your progress**



***Rewarded for doing well and sanctioned for not living up to your obligations***

## How Do Treatment Courts Work?

The program consists of three phases:

Phase I: Report to Court weekly (4 to 6 months)

Phase II: Report to Court every two weeks (4 to 6 months)

Phase III: Report to Court monthly (4 to 6 months)

Your Probation Officer will review the requirements at the beginning of each phase. Remember: If you have questions, please ask a Treatment Court team member.

Our Treatment Court Team stresses accountability, responsibility, combined with compassion and understanding.

The Judge serves as the leader of an inter-disciplinary team of professionals who oversees your progression and lapses throughout treatment. Team members include:

- Court coordinator
- Prosecuting attorney
- Defense attorney
- Treatment providers
- Case managers
- Probation officers
- Community Partners

## What To Expect When You Go To Court

### Core Values

- Honesty
- Education
- Sobriety

In Phase I of your treatment, you and the current program participants must attend weekly Court sessions with the Judge, your probation officer and the entire Treatment Court team. The purpose of these open Court sessions is for the Judge to monitor your participation and progress in the Treatment Program. At this time, alterations to case management and treatment plans will be reviewed. Sanctions and incentives will be administered.

## Sanctions/Incentives

Upon reviewing your progress in treatment, the Judge may impose a range of consequences contingent upon your performance. These consequences may include desired rewards (i.e. verbal praise, reduced supervision requirements, or gift cards), modifications to your treatment plan (i.e. transfer to a more intensive modality of care) and punitive sanctions (i.e. writing assignments, community service, or brief jail detention) The consequences are typically administered by the Judge in open court, after the Treatment Court team has met to review your case.

**PHASE I:**  
(MINIMUM OF 6 MONTHS)

**To Do:**

- Attend weekly Court appearances
- Attend and participate in drug/alcohol treatment or support groups daily (if required)
- Find a Sponsor (if required)
- Meet with your Probation Officer and/or case manager as directed for a minimum of 8 weeks
- Complete 15 hours of community service in Phase 1.
- Be employed or actively seeking employment. (Minimum of 30 hours of employment, community service or a combination of both)
- Enroll in GED classes/take pre-test or provide copy of diploma if already obtained or supportive reasoning why not
- Comply with necessary screenings/assessments as directed
  - Mental health screening
  - Physical health evaluation
  - Drug/alcohol evaluation
- Comply with urine screens at Avertest
- Reach 6 consecutive weeks of clean drug tests (if required)
- Make 3 payments of a minimum of \$25 to Clerk of Courts

**Financial Obligations:**

- Pay the \$5 weekly participation fee (See Administrative Assistant)
- Sign Wage Attachment/Payment Agreement and begin making payments on Court Costs and Restitution
- In Phase 2 and 3, participants must make monthly payments of \$25
- Pay all SCRAM and electronic monitoring fees, if applicable

**Items Needed:**

- Calendar to track appointments
- License, ID, or social security card (Present to your Probation Officer)
- High school diploma (Present to your Probation Officer)
- List of current prescriptions (Present to your Probation Officer)

**Drug Testing at Avertest**

## DRUG TESTING: KNOWING THE EXPECTATIONS

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### Random Drug Testing Call Line

717-258-0614

Including weekends  
and holidays

You may be subject to random drug testing 365 days a year. This includes weekends and holidays. You must call every morning to find out if your group is being drug tested.

- Enter your assigned (5) digit pin number and listen to the message closely as it will tell you whether or not to report. Listen carefully to any additional messages from your Probation Officer.
- When you report to the Avertest Office, you must be prepared to provide a urine sample while being observed
- Flushed urines are **NOT** accepted and you will face sanctions for providing one
- Adulterated urines are **NOT** accepted and you will face sanctions if one is provided

### The following medications are not allowed in the program:

- Narcotic pain medications such as Percocet, Darvocet, Oxycontin, etc.
- Benzodiazepines such as Ativan, Valium, Xanax, Klonopin
- ADHD Meds with Amphetamines such as Adderall, Dexedrine, Procentra, etc.
- Non-Narcotic Pain Medications: Tramadol and Ultram
- Muscle Relaxers such as Flexoril
- Methadone and Suboxone
- Caffeine Pills such as Vivarin or NoDoze
- Sleep Aids such as Ambien or Soma
- K2, Spice and/or all designer drugs legal or illegal are prohibited
- All Cough medicines must be pre-approved by a Probation Officer. Alcohol, codeine and dextromethorphan (DM) ingredients are prohibited

**Dietary supplements, vitamins and weight loss aids are prohibited in the program, unless medically**

**necessary and a doctor's note is provided. These drugs may alter the normal color of urine or cause a positive drug test for illegal substances. When visiting a doctor or the emergency room, you must notify the doctor(s) that you are an addict and cannot take any of the above listed medications. You must provide all prescriptions to your Probation Officer for verification that it is an approved medication.**



**No poppy seeds!**

**Salvia, morning glory seeds, K2/Spice or any other such mood altering or hallucinogenic substance is strictly prohibited.**

**No alcoholic beverages.**

**You may not frequent bars, casinos or other gambling establishments.**

**Remember the  
5 B's**



**To be a successful graduate of the Treatment Court program,  
you need to...**

- Be honest. The sanctions will be less severe if you tell the truth. One of the first steps of recovery is getting honest with yourself and everyone around you. Lying leads to relapse!
- Be drug and alcohol free!
- Be crime-free!
- Be active in your recovery program. Attend all scheduled treatment sessions. Obtain a Sponsor.
- Be compliant with all directives from the Court

**We are not here to “catch” you doing something wrong...  
We are not here to embarrass you if you fail...  
We are here to help you live a life free from addiction!**

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## MHC APPROVED RECOVERY HOUSE LISTING

### Male Recovery Houses

**Madison Recovery House:** Owner: Mike Kushla: 542-6791 ©

Main Office: 601-603 E. Prospect St. York, PA 17403 843-5411/843-4403/848-1013

2<sup>nd</sup> Main Office: 756 W. Market St. York, PA 17401 Phone: (717) 848-9111

258 S. Belvidere St. York, PA 17404 Phone: 852-0370

221 E.Philadelphia. York, PA 17404 Phone: 812-8386

55 Colombia Ave York, PA 17403 Phone: 699-0702

555 Madison Ave York, PA 17404 Phone: 852-7876

MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT COURT

121 N. Penn St. York, PA 17404

Phone: 815-8414

**Choices Recovery House**

Owner: Kathy Sorandes: 854-5445

825 S. Duke St. York, Pa.

**CRS House (Sober House)**

437 W. Market St. York, PA 17404

Owner: Keith Emery- (717) 424-3444 ©  
- (717) 848-5240

**SEES THE DAY**

1200 E. Market St.  
York, PA 17403

Owner: Dave Dunkle- 854-7337

**Life's Beacon Foundation**

506 N. George St.  
York, PA 17404

Owner: Robert Allen- 577-0553

**Chad Baker Properties**

937 West poplar St  
York, PA

Owner: Chad Baker- 717-814-7140

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731 West Philadelphia St  
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137 S. Belvidere  
York, PA

483 West Princess St.  
York, PA

838 East Philadelphia St.  
York, PA

906 Clayton Ave  
York, PA

## Female Recovery House

~~Choices Recovery House~~

~~Owner: Kathy Sorandes Office: 854-5445~~

702-703 Pennsylvania Ave. York, PA 17404

**Madison Recovery House**

Owner: Dani Kushla- 542-4441

149 N Queen St. York, PA

Phone: 846-6850

929 W. Poplar St. York, PA

Phone: 846-3934

**Jefferson Shelter**

Pam Wampler- 845-5947

17 Jefferson Ave. York, PA  
(Shelter, not recovery House)

Phone- 845-5947

**SEES THE DAY**

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## **FAQ's**

### **Can I Keep My Disability Benefits If I Go To Jail?**

When a person is facing incarceration there is a lot going through their mind. If the individual is receiving Social Security Disability benefits, one of the questions they are wondering is whether or not they can keep their disability benefits if they go to jail. The fact of the matter is that the Social Security Administration (SSA) will not pay benefits to someone who is incarcerated, but there are some exceptions to the rule. The following information will help you better understand exactly what will happen to your Social Security Disability benefits if you are sent to jail.

### **How Long Do I Have to Be In Jail Before My Social Security Disability Benefits Stop**

If you are in jail for longer than one month your Social Security Disability benefits will stop being paid. If you are in jail for less than a month, there will be no interruption of your Social Security Disability benefits. There is, however, a loophole in this rule.

In order for your benefits to be suspended you must be in prison for 30 days after your conviction. If you have not been convicted yet and are serving time in jail, then your benefits will continue until you have been convicted and serving time for 30 days.

### **Will My Dependents Still Receive Their Benefits?**

In most cases your dependents will still receive their Social Security Disability benefits while you are in jail as long as you continue to qualify for Social security Disability benefits.

### **When Will My Benefits Be Reinstated?**

Once you are released from jail, you can have your Social Security Disability benefits reinstated the month after you have been released from jail as long as you still qualify for the benefits you had been receiving. If your condition has improved and you no longer qualify, your Social Security Disability benefits will not resume.

To have your benefits reinstated after your release from prison, you will need to visit your [local Social Security office](#) and notify them of your release. You will also need to bring proof of your release from jail in order for your monthly benefits to be reinstated.

The exception to this rule is if you are in prison for more than 12 months. If you are in prison for more than 12 months, your benefits will not automatically be reinstated after your release. Instead, you will need to re-apply for benefits and go through the application (and possibly appeal) process all over again. If this is the case, you may wish to retain the services of a qualified Social Security Disability attorney in order to ensure that your Social Security Disability application will be processed as quickly as possible and that you have the best possible chance of a successful outcome.