

What is Mental Health Court?

The Collin County Adult Mental Health Court (AMHC) is a voluntary, court—supervised initiative lasting between 9—24 months. It is designed to support individuals with mental health conditions who have been charged with certain criminal offenses. The program connects participants with treatment, case management, and community resources to promote stability, reduce recidivism, and support long-term recovery. By addressing the root cause of justice involvement, AMHC provides an opportunity for participants to receive the support they need while improving public safety and overall well-being.

How to Apply

Application and Program Agreement can be found on the Collin County DA's webpage under the Mental Health Unit Division.

<https://collincountyda.com/adult-mental-health-court/>

AMHC collaborates with the following Collin County offices and community partners

219th District Court
County Court at Law #3
District Attorney's Office
Community Supervision & Corrections Dept.
Collin County Detention Facility
Mental Health Managed Counsel
LifePath Services

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Collin County Adult Mental Health Court Program



Judge Jennifer D. Edgeworth
219th District Court

Judge Lance Baxter
County Court at Law #3

Eligibility Criteria

To qualify for AMHC, an individual must:

- Be at least 17 years old.
- Be a resident of Collin County.
- Must have a pending Collin County case and be out on bond.
- Applicant must have a willingness to participate in an intensive supervision.
- Demonstrate a willingness to abide by a treatment plan developed by the treatment provider, including counseling, group therapy, and/or medication treatment.
- Have a documented mental health diagnosis that contributed to the pending offense such as:
 - ◊ Bipolar Disorder
 - ◊ Major Depressive Disorder (MDD)
 - ◊ Schizophrenia
 - ◊ Schizoaffective Disorder
 - ◊ Additionally: PTSD, Anxiety Disorder, or other qualifying diagnosis.

Program Structure

Participants engage in a structured, phased approach to recovery and reintegration including:

- Regular court appearances before the Mental Health Court judges
- Individualized treatment plans tailored to each participant's needs.
- Supervision and case management to monitor progress and provide support.
- Compliance monitoring with drug and alcohol testing as needed.
- Substance Use Treatment, if indicated
- Program Agreement and Bond Compliance

Disqualifying Factors

- Out of County residents.
- Current or prior sex offenses.
- Current DWI offenses.
- Currently on Deferred or Adjudicated Community Supervision (probation or parole).
- Pending charges or outstanding warrants in other jurisdictions.

Benefits of Participation

- Individualized treatment plan designed to address each participant's specific needs.
- Assistance with and accountability for attending and participating in treatment.
- Assistance with job searches, education progression, and/or life skills development.
- Community and family engagement in treatment (where appropriate).
- Dismissal and expunction of pending case(s).