

CHESHIRE COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COURT PROGRAMS

Cheshire County Behavioral Court Programs (CCVHCP) were developed in response to the costly recidivism of those who repeatedly found themselves in legal difficulties as a result of their substance misuse disorder and/or mental health disorder. The mission of CCBHCP is to reduce recidivism, improve public safety and provide individuals with treatment options through community based treatment and supervision.

QUALIFICATIONS: The legal charge must be a non-violent Class A misdemeanor or felony level charge. Individual must have a history of either diagnosed substance misuse disorder and/or mental health disorder or qualifies for such a diagnosis. The risk of reoffending and need of treatment must be a moderate to high. And the individual must be willing to make an honest attempt to try a treatment intervention.

REFERRAL PROCESS: The individual is arrested and charged with a non-violent misdemeanor class A or felony level offense. The Defense Attorney, Prosecutor, Judge or mental health agency makes the request for CCBHCP to conduct a screening. CCBHC representative will go to the House of Corrections if the individual is incarcerated to complete a program screening. If the individual is on bail, their attorney will direct them to call CCBHC and schedule a screening appointment.

COMMUNITY SUPERVISION PROCESS: Once an individual is accepted into CCBHCP, that person will be assessed for treatment and other needs. That person then will be referred to the community based agency or agencies that can provide the needed assistance. The client will be monitored by the CCBHCP Case Manager for compliance for the next 3 to 12 months. If there is a substance misuse disorder, the client will be required to take random drug screenings and participate in recovery support meetings as well as be engaged in treatment. Court reviews will be set up to review client's progress. The Court reviews are determined by the client's effort and progress in treatment. Sanctions may be used for non-compliant behavioral which could include incarceration.