



What is Wellness Court?



Treatment courts are part of the restorative justice movement, providing rehabilitation opportunities for offenders and reducing the likelihood that they will re-offend.

Wellness Court offers alternative legal solutions, oftentimes prison diversion, **for adults facing criminal charges that occurred due to an unmanaged severe mental illness.**

Wellness Court connects willing participants to treatment providers, helps remove barriers to stability and holds the person accountable for their behaviors.

Referral forms and complete program information available at <https://www.courts.oregon.gov/courts/jackson/programs-services/Pages/Treatment-Courts.aspx>

or by calling the Wellness Court Coordinator at **541-776-7171 ext. 6754**

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN WELLNESS COURT?

Adults, 18 and over, with an open criminal case in Jackson County Circuit Court, who are:

Not facing Measure 11 charges or have past/present sex offenses,

With crimes charged as a result of a manic or psychotic episode due to a serious and persistent mental illness (including Bipolar 1 Disorder, Schizophrenia, Schizoaffective Disorder, or severe Major Depressive Disorder),

Willing to engage in mental health and substance abuse treatment,

Willing to take medication as recommended by a medical provider,

Willing to abstain from all drugs, including marijuana and alcohol,

Willing to commit to at least 18 months of intensive supervision and treatment while residing in Jackson County.

Eligibility is determined by the Wellness Court Team.

Criminal history and dangerousness are considered. Applicants must be able and willing to complete the program requirements.

MISSION STATEMENT

"To decriminalize the severely mentally ill, reduce recidivism and costs associated with repeated incarceration, provide comprehensive wraparound services and reduce the need for ongoing hospitalizations, and enhance public safety."

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Restorative Justice

Public Safety

Voluntary Participation

Defendant Accountability

Therapeutic Jurisprudence

Trauma-informed processes

Multi-disciplinary Team Collaboration

