

Multnomah County – Specialty Court Programs

The Multnomah County Specialty Court Coordinators created this document to assist practitioners. Please reach out to the coordinators below or programs supervisor John Dieter (john.r.dieter@ojd.state.or.us) with questions.

Specialty Court	Assessments Required	Target Population	Program Matching Considerations	Referrals	Program Coordinator
DISP	Impaired Driving Assessment (IDA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High Risk and High need (based on IDA) Individuals with multiple DUII convictions 	Eligible for DUII probation	<p>If defendant meets criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Attend orientation Hold JSC with DISP Judge Complete IDA assessment with DISP case manager <p>If IDA is high risk/high need:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible for sentencing into DISP 	<p>Jennifer Rivas Jennifer.e.rivas@ojd.state.or.us</p>
Mental Health Court	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mental Health Evaluation A/D Evaluation (if history of Substance Use is present) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High Risk and High Need Primary Diagnosis of a Serious and Persistent Mental Illness 	Eligible for MHC probation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Submit MHC referral packet, MH evaluation, ASAM, and/or other supporting medical documents to Court Coordinator for review MHC Consideration Hearing scheduled DDA determines eligibility for program, individual is sentenced into MHC by way of plea agreement 	<p>Karina Mares karina.e.mares@ojd.state.or.us</p>
START	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LSCMI/WRNA A/D Evaluation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High Risk and High Need (LSCMI/WRNA and Moderate to Severe SUD) Downward departure probations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not eligible for STEP Not eligible or denied MHC DV, SO, Gang conditions case by case basis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit A/D eval and referral packet to start-court-program-referrals@multco.us for a START screening (required for MCJRP cases as well) If the lead PO has confirmed eligibility, defendant may be sentenced into START. Include “START Conditions” on TSO and START conditions of probation on UCJ (see referral packet) 	<p>Natalie Reyes Natalie.a.reyes@ojd.state.or.us</p>
STEP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LSCMI pre-adjudication A/D Evaluation 	Individuals with identified BM11 charges	All risk and need profiles served	Case DDA declares eligibility for program <i>consideration</i> at arraignment on indictment.	<p>Ben Wyatt Benjamin.e.wyatt@ojd.state.or.us</p>

Eligibility and Exclusion Criteria – *Please review program policy documents for full eligibility and exclusionary criteria*

Eligibility	Exclusion
DUII Intensive Supervision Program	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open DUII case or current DUII probation case with at least 24 months of probation time remaining. • Participants must be 18 years and older. • No less than two and no more than seven prior DUII convictions, including diversion and pending charges. • Participants with Felony charges must be a resident of, or capable of moving to, Multnomah County. • High Risk / High Need on Impaired Driver Assessment (IDA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current charges include a DUII related death or serious personal injury. • Prior convictions for sexual offenses or for a violent offense, as defined by federal guidelines. • Certain sex offenses/domestic assaults/violent offenses/weapons convictions. <p>Participant is not mentally competent or medically capable of complying with DISP probation conditions.</p>
Mental Health Court	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schizophrenia/Schizoaffective Disorder • Bipolar Disorder • Major Depressive Disorder <p><i>*Defendant may also have a co-occurring substance use disorder</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary diagnosis of a substance use disorder or Personality Disorder • Current Sexual Offense charge if there is a person/victim; historical Sexual Offense convictions will be reviewed case-by-case <p>If available, low risk per the LSCMI/WRNA</p>
Success Through Accountability Restitution and Treatment (START)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Downward dispositional departure from prison (366 days or more) • “High” or “very high risk” on the LSCMI or WRNA. • Diagnosis of substance dependence (moderate or severe) within last six months (ASAM) • Must live in Multnomah County. If the defendant is going to enter START after a DOC sentence, the defendant must agree to release to Multnomah County. • If the defendant has a felony DUII, not eligible DISP. • If the defendant has a diagnosis of schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, or bipolar disorder, the defendant has been screened and denied entry into Mental Health Court. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervised on formal probation by another county • Pending out of county case which is likely to result in a prison sentence • Eligible for DISP • Eligible/accepted into MHC • STEP eligible
<i>*Defendants with SO, DV, and gang conditions will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and decision will be based on supervision and participants needs</i>	
Strategic Treatment and Engagement Program	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must live in Multnomah County • Must be charged with an eligible BM11 offense • Must have at least 18 months of supervision left on Multnomah County probation or ability to extend (if probation transfer) • Must have at least 90 sanctioning units available. • Cannot currently be in another treatment court unless both judges willing to transfer supervision to STEP COURT • Defendant is not currently supervised on formal probation out of county • If the defendant is going to enter STEP COURT after a DOC sentence, the defendant must agree to release to Multnomah County • Defendant must waive automatic earned discharge—earned discharge qualifications will be determined by the STEP COURT judge given the totality of the circumstances • No clinical disqualifiers 	<p>Excluded M11 Charges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homicide crimes • Attempted Murder charges • Sex crimes / Sex Offender conditions or treatment: • <i>If the sex offense charge(s) are no longer prosecutable, the remaining offenses may be considered for STEP COURT if otherwise eligible</i> • Defendants with previous sex offense conviction(s): The pre-adjudication assessment may disqualify a defendant from STEP COURT participation if sex offender conditions are required or there is a Level 3 designation (predatory) • Compelling Prostitution or Promoting Prostitution offenses • Domestic violence crimes • Kidnapping in the First Degree • Arson in the First Degree (BM11) • Any case prosecuted by the Multidisciplinary Team (MDT child abuse cases)

DUI Intensive Supervision Program (DISP)

Eligibility Criteria

Mandatory Criteria / Target population:

- ✓ Open DUI case or current DUI probation case with at least 24 months of probation time remaining.
- ✓ Participants must be 18 years and older.
- ✓ No less than two and no more than seven prior DUI convictions, including diversion and pending charges.
- ✓ Participants with Felony charges must be a resident of, or capable of moving to, Multnomah County.
- ✓ Prior to entry, potential participants must complete the Impaired Driver Assessment (IDA) and score High Risk / High Need.

Disqualifying Factors

- × Current charges include a DUI related death or serious personal injury.
- × Prior convictions for sexual offenses or for a violent offense, as defined by federal guidelines.
- × Certain sex offenses/domestic assaults/violent offenses/weapons convictions.
- × Participant is not mentally competent or medically capable of complying with DISP probation conditions.

Mental Health Court

Eligibility Criteria

Inclusion Criteria:

An eligible defendant **must be competent and have a primary diagnosis of:**

- ✓ **Schizophrenia/Schizoaffective Disorder**
- ✓ **Bipolar Disorder**
- ✓ **Major Depressive Disorder**

**Defendant may also have a co-occurring substance use disorder*

Exclusion Criteria

The following issues will exclude Defendants from participating in the MHC Program:

- × Primary diagnosis of a substance use disorder *or* Personality Disorder
- × Current Sexual Offense charge if there is a person/victim; historical Sexual Offense convictions will be reviewed case-by-case•
- × Low risk per the LSCMI/WRNA (if LSCMI/WRNA is available)

For questions about *other* mental health diagnoses, please contact MHC Coordinator, **Karina Mares** karina.e.mares@ojd.state.or.us

Success Through Accountability Restitution and Treatment (START)

Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for the START Court program, the defendant must meet eligibility criteria below:

Disposition:

- ✓ Downward departure from prison (366 days or more DOC) on a Multnomah County case
- ✓ Must have at least 18 months of supervision left on Multnomah County probation. If less than 18 months are remaining, the court must have ability to extend.
- ✓ Must have at least 90 sanctioning units available. If the presumptive sanctioning units have been exhausted, defendant must sign a waiver agreeing to increase the available sanctioning units to at least 90.

Qualifiers:

- ✓ Must score as “high” or “very high risk” on the LSCMI or WRNA.
- ✓ Completed ASAM within the last 6 months showing a diagnosis of substance dependence.
- ✓ Does not have a pending out of county case(s) that are likely to result in prison sentences.
- ✓ Must live in Multnomah County. If the defendant is going to enter START after a DOC sentence, the defendant must agree to release to Multnomah County.
- ✓ Not being supervised on formal probation out of county. May be on supervision for other cases and from other jurisdictions if the defendant has a qualifying Multnomah County case and is not being formally supervised by another county.
- ✓ No sex offender, domestic violence or gang conditions of probation (not a disqualifier – may be reviewed on case-by-case basis).
- ✓ If the defendant has a felony DUII, defendant has been screened and denied entry into DUII Intensive supervision Program (DISP).
- ✓ If the defendant has a diagnosis of schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder or bipolar disorder, the defendant has been screened and denied entry into Mental Health Court.
- ✓ Does not have any treatment first cases on conditional discharge status. All treatment first cases must be closed (dismissed or revoked).

Strategic Treatment and Engagement Program (STEP)

Eligibility Criteria

GENERAL BASIS FOR ELIGIBILITY

- ✓ Must live in Multnomah County
- ✓ Must be charged with a BM11 offenses
- ✓ Must have at least 18 months of supervision left on Multnomah County probation or ability to extend (if probation transfer)
- ✓ Must have at least 90 sanctioning units available. If the presumptive sanctioning units have been exhausted, defendant must sign a waiver agreeing to increase the available sanctioning units to at least 90
- ✓ Cannot currently be in another treatment court unless both judges willing to transfer supervision to STEP COURT
- ✓ No pending out of county case(s) that are likely to result in prison sentences
- ✓ Defendant is not currently supervised on formal probation out of county
- ✓ If the defendant is going to enter STEP COURT after a DOC sentence, the defendant must agree to release to Multnomah County
- ✓ Defendant must waive automatic earned discharge—earned discharge qualifications will be determined by the STEP COURT judge given the totality of the circumstances
- ✓ No clinical disqualifiers

DISQUALIFYING CRITERIA

- × Persons charged with the following crimes in the same indictment will not qualify for a STEP Court Assessment or for STEP Court:
 - × Homicide crimes
 - × Attempted Murder charges
 - × Sex crimes / Sex Offender conditions or treatment
 - Caveat: If the sex offense charge(s) are no longer prosecutable, the remaining offenses may be considered for STEP COURT if otherwise eligible
 - × Defendants with previous sex offense conviction(s): The pre-adjudication assessment may disqualify a defendant from STEP COURT participation if sex offender conditions are required or there is a Level 3 designation (predatory)
 - × Compelling Prostitution or Promoting Prostitution offenses
 - × Domestic violence crimes
 - × Kidnapping in the First Degree
 - × Arson in the First Degree (BM11)
- × Any case prosecuted by the Multidisciplinary Team (MDT child abuse cases)