

## Program Components

**Intake Assessments:** Interview all persons detained by state and local law enforcement departments prior to that person's arraignment/bail hearing, and to provide the court with relevant and verified information to help determine an appropriate bail. Determine the level of Mental Health services the defendant needs to be released from the House of Corrections.

**Pretrial Supervision:** Provide a degree of supervision that will monitor compliance with bail conditions and assure appearance to court. Some standard requirements of this supervision are compliance with no contact orders, compliance with Mental Health Treatment, random drug and alcohol testing, and curfew.

**AHC:** Specific form of supervision to an individual who has been found guilty of a crime. Movement in the community is closely monitored with minimum time away from home allowed for work or other needs. Strict compliance with Mental Health Treatment.

**Step-Down:** Unique to Strafford County.; this program rewards sentenced inmates who prove by their attitudes and actions that they are taking responsibility for their crimes and addressing those areas of concern identified by the court. MH Supervision helps coordinate their mental health services to help integrate the inmate back to society.

**Mental Health Court:** See Mental Court Section.

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## Program Description

Mental Health Supervision provides a continuity of care for defendants that have been identified as suffering from a mental illness. The Mental Health Supervision Program provides intensive case management to defendants from the time of arrest until the adjudication of their charges

Strafford County Mental Health Supervision Program monitors defendants through the following programs;

### **Intake Assessments**

### **Pretrial Supervision**

### **Administrative Home Confinement**

### **Step-Down Program**

### **Mental Health Diversion**

### **Mental Health Court-Rochester District Court (Honorable Judge Cappiello)**

## **Mental Health Court Overview**

**Mental Health Court is a 3-phase intervention program designed for adults who are eligible for appropriate services with Community Partners or qualifying Mental Health Agencies. It is a collaborative effort between the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit Rochester Court, Strafford County Commissioners, County Attorney's Office, Rochester Police Department and other local Police Departments, Community Corrections, and Community Partners. By working together, these agencies seek to provide court supervision, community monitoring, case management, and mental health treatment geared toward supporting and helping defendants maintain a more healthy lifestyle. Mental Health Court involves frequent court appearances, and random drug testing on a case by case basis, as well as group and individual counseling. Mental Health Court awards incentives for healthy, appropriate behavior and imposes sanctions for negative behavior. Participants who do not comply with the regulations and conditions of MHC may be subject to sanctions up to and including termination from Mental Health Court.**

## RESULTS

Mental Health Court has been in session since June of 2007. All of the treatment team members volunteer their time to this rewarding Program.



Please contact Mental Health Court Director Blair Rowlett for more information.