



# 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Recovery Courts

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# WHAT IS A RECOVERY COURT?

- ▶ Recovery Courts (also called Treatment Courts &/or Problem-Solving Courts) are a form of judicial supervision for individuals dealing with significant mental health and/or substance abuse issues.
- ▶ Tennessee's 82 recovery courts are judicially-supervised court dockets that reduce correctional costs, protect community safety, and improve public welfare. In recovery courts, non-violent individuals with substance use disorders participate in treatment while under close legal and clinical supervision.
- ▶ While each jurisdiction sets a "Scope of Practice" traditionally these courts serve high risk/ high need offenders who voluntarily enter the program.
- ▶ This is not a "get out of jail free card."
- ▶ All programs are VOLUNTARY, but the ADA, defense counsel, & judge must agree to send the cases to the Recovery Court.

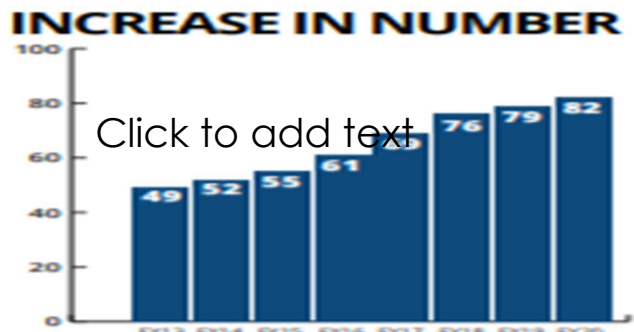
# TENNESSEE'S RECOVERY COURTS

**TN** Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services

**1,674 NEW ADMISSIONS TO TDMHSAS-FUNDED COURTS IN FY19**

TENNESSEE'S 82 RECOVERY COURTS APPLY EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMMING AND PRINCIPLES TO HELP MEN AND WOMEN FIND NEW LIVES IN RECOVERY.

**TOTAL INCREASE IN NEW STATE FUNDING**  
**\$45M**  
**TOTAL INCREASE IN NEW FEDERAL FUNDING**  
**\$22M**  
 FY13-FY20



**CURRENT COURTS**

Adult Recovery	50
Veterans Treatment	10
Mental Health	9
Juvenile Recovery	7
DUI	4
Family Treatment	1
Human Trafficking	1
<b>Total:</b>	<b>82</b>

**CURRENT COURT LOCATIONS**  
 Courts Cover 86 of Tennessee's 95 Counties



Darker colors indicate more courts in a county. Statewide residential recovery courts are located in Morgan County (men) and Davidson County (women).



RUTHERFORD COUNTY RECOVERY COURTS  
UMBRELLA OF SERVICES

DUI  
TREATMENT  
COURT

MENTAL  
HEALTH  
COURT

RECOVERY  
COURT

VETERANS  
TREATMENT  
COURT

RE-ENTRY  
SERVICES



## DUI TREATMENT COURT

2<sup>nd</sup> offense DUI or greater with substance use issues, or multiple DUI 1st

DUI can be due to alcohol or other substances

12-month program, 4 Phases

Evening Programming available for those working during the normal business hours

Judge Lisa Escheid presides over the weekly dockets.

The logo features the text "VETERANS TREATMENT COURT" in white, uppercase letters. The text is arranged in three lines: "VETERANS" on the top line, "TREATMENT" on the middle line, and "COURT" on the bottom line. The text is centered within a light blue circular shape that is partially overlaid by a dark red, rounded rectangular shape on the right side.

# VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

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- Type of Discharge is irrelevant

A horizontal orange bar with rounded ends, containing the text "2 Tracks in this program:".

2 Tracks in this program:

- High Risk/ High Need: 18 months, 5 Phases
- Moderate Risk/ Moderate Need: 12 months, 4 Phases

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A horizontal orange bar with rounded ends, containing the text "Judge Trey McFarlin presides over the weekly docket".

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# RECOVERY COURT



Historically called “Drug Court” and still referred as that commonly in Murfreesboro.

Must have primary substance abuse issue but accepts co-occurring disorders.

High Risk/ High Need

18-month program, 5 Phases

Judge Jimmy Turner presides over weekly dockets

The logo for Mental Health Court features the text "MENTAL HEALTH COURT" in white, uppercase letters. The text is arranged in three lines: "MENTAL" on the top line, "HEALTH" on the middle line, and "COURT" on the bottom line. The text is centered within a light blue circular shape that is partially obscured by a dark red, rounded rectangular background on the right side.

# MENTAL HEALTH COURT

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Eligible applicants are those with a severe & persistent mental illness.

May be co-occurring

TBI, Autism Spectrum Disorder and Intellectual Disabilities are not accepted unless it is secondary to a mental illness.

High Risk/ High Need

18-month program, 5 Phases

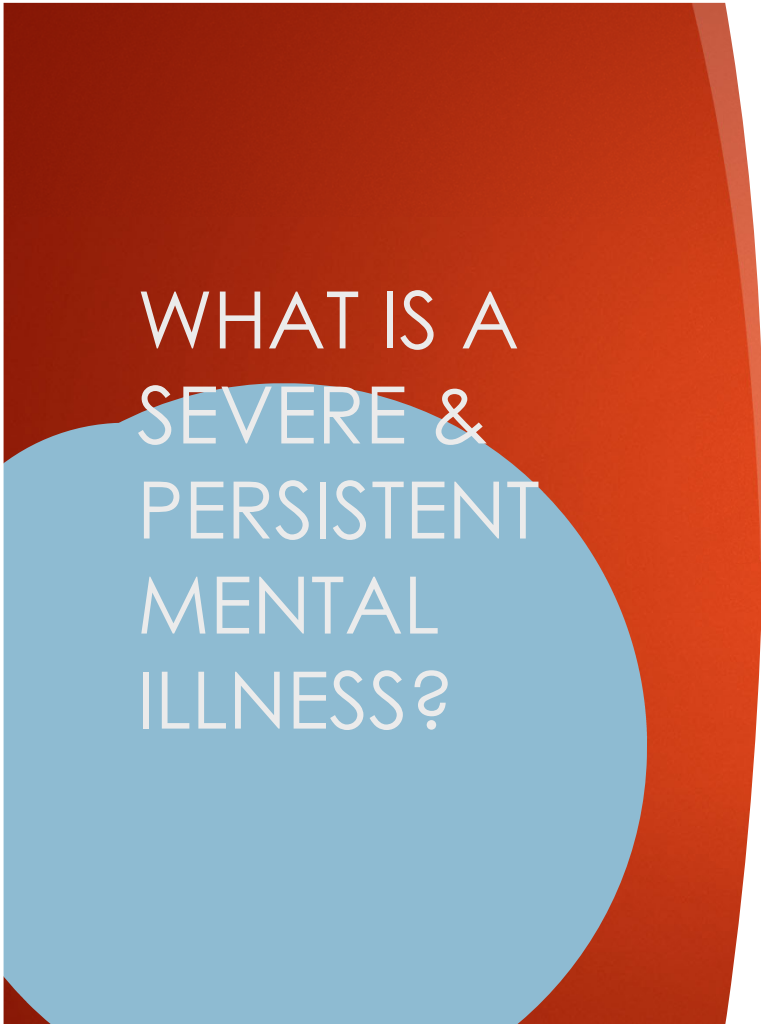
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# HOW DO THESE PROGRAMS IMPACT THE COMMUNITY?

- Mental Health Court has a recidivism rate of 11%
  - Drug Court has a recidivism rate of 6%
- Veteran's Treatment Court has a recidivism rate of 2%
  - DUI Court has a recidivism rate of 2%
- Compared to a recidivism rate of 47% for the State of Tennessee



WHAT IS A  
SEVERE &  
PERSISTENT  
MENTAL  
ILLNESS?



SCHIZOPHRENIA



SCHIZOAFFECTIVE DISORDER



BIPOLAR I DISORDER



MAJOR DEPRESSIVE DISORDER, IF SEVERE  
AND LONG TERM



PTSD, IF PSYCHOSIS IS PRESENT

- AT LEAST 18 YR OLD
  - NON-VIOLENT OFFENDER
  - MUST LIVE IN RUTHERFORD OR CANNON COUNTIES

# WHO WE SERVE

- CHARGES INVOLVING HOMICIDE, USE OF FIREARM, ARSON, &/OR SEXUAL OFFENSES
- THOSE LIVING OUTSIDE OF THE 16<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT
  - THOSE WITH HOLDS AND/OR ACTIVE WARRANTS IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS
- CANNOT WORK AS A CRIMINAL INFORMANT WHILE IN THE PROGRAM

# INELIGIBLE APPLICANTS



## GENERAL INFORMATION



FREQUENT & RANDOM URINE DRUG SCREENS

FREQUENT COURT DATES BASED UPON PHASE

ENGAGE IN TREATMENT

TAKE ALL MEDICATIONS AS THEY ARE PRESCRIBED

HOME VISITS

TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

INCENTIVES/ SANCTIONS BASED PROGRAMMING

CASES ARE FURLOUGHED IN BY THE COURTS

# SERVICES PROVIDED

Case Management

Alcohol & Drug Counseling

Therapy

Occupational Therapy

## Groups that are modeled on Evidence Based Practices

- Criminal Thinking
- Anger Management
- Dialectical Behavioral Therapy
- Lifeskills
- Seeking Safety
- Emotions
- Peer Support Groups
- Yoga, Acudetox, & Mindfulness

Referrals to Community Based Services ( inpatient/ residential treatment, mental health treatment, physical health needs, etc)

# HOW TO APPLY

## SELF REFERRAL

- ON THE KIOSK AT RCADC
- FAMILY REFERRAL ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT
- WALK INTO THE OFFICE
- APPLY ONLINE

## COURT REFERRAL

- DEFENSE COUNSEL, ADA OR JUDGE CAN REQUEST AN APPLICATION BE COMPLETED
- JAIL STAFF CAN COMPLETE A REFERRAL/APPLICATION
- ARRESTING OFFICER CAN RECOMMEND TO THE COURTS

## COMMUNITY REFERRAL

- MENTAL HEALTH CASE MANAGER, SOCIAL WORKER, DCS, ETC. CAN INITIATE THE REFERRAL AND REQUEST APPLICATION.



## RE-ENTRY SERVICES

- ▶ THE RE-ENTRY TEAM ENTERS THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES IN RUTHERFORD COUNTY AND PROVIDES CLASSES AND CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES.
- ▶ GROUPS AND CLASSES THAT ARE EVIDENCE BASED.
  - ▶ MRT
  - ▶ ANGER MANAGEMENT
  - ▶ RELAPSE PREVENTION
  - ▶ SEEKING SAFETY
  - ▶ UNTANGLING RELATIONSHIPS
- ▶ THE INCARCERATED PERSON MUST VOLUNTARY ENROLL IN THE GROUPS.