

# **Macon County Mental Health Court**

## **Eligibility Criteria**

1. Adult defendants charged with probation eligible, non-violent misdemeanor and/or felony offenses in Macon County are eligible for the program.
2. Domestic violence offenders may be accepted into the program upon consent of the victim and at the discretion of the Mental Health Court team.
3. The defendant's past criminal record will be taken into consideration.
4. The defendant is a current resident of Macon County.
5. The defendant has a documented DSM disorder (Schizophrenia, Schizoaffective Disorder, Bipolar I Disorder, Major Depression and Psychotic Disorder NOS) or is dually diagnosed with a mental illness and a substance abuse disorder.
6. Persons with documented Personality Disorders or Intellectual Disabilities will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the team.
7. In cases of co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse disorders, the mental illness must be the primary diagnosis.
8. There must be a causal connection between the mental illness and the crime.
9. The defendant expresses a desire to participate in the program.
10. The defendant must be willing to consent to disclose mental health, substance abuse and medical treatment records to the team.
11. The defendant must be screened and approved by the Mental Health Court team to participate.
12. The defendant must be honest with the treatment providers and the team.

## **Not Eligible**

Defendants charged with any of the following criminal offenses are excluded from consideration for the program:

- Non-probation eligible offenses
- Arson
- Criminal fortification
- All offenses involving deadly substances, including methamphetamine-related substances