



Jail Diversion Program (JDP) Felony Mental Health Diversion (FMHD)

Eligibility Criteria

- 3rd degree & some 2nd degree felony case(s) with 3 or less prior felony convictions
- Diagnosis of severe & persistent mental illness (SPMI) such as: Schizophrenia, Bipolar or Major Depression.
- Voluntarily agree to mental health or co-occurring treatment and services

How to make a referral

- ✓ Email (preferred):
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Phone: (305) 548-5735
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- ✓ Include (required):
Defendants name, case number, contact information (phone number & address)
psychiatric evaluations and/or documented evidence of mental illness & reason for referral.
- ✓ In Court, Reset:
1 week for defendants in-custody
2-3 weeks for defendants out-of-custody

After referral is made

1. The Jail Diversion Program (JDP) seeks approval from the State Attorney's Office (not division ASA's) based on legal charges & criminal priors.
2. The JDP will engage the referred individual and explain program services. Participants must meet severe and persistent mental illness (SPMI) criteria (e.g. Schizophrenia, Bipolar, Major Depression). Program staff will develop a transition plan to determine needs for successful recovery.
3. The JDP advises attorneys of assessment results and/or requests further documented evidence of SPMI.
4. The JDP presents an "Acceptance Letter" to the Court and requests transfer to judicial division F055 for case to print on next available Thursday afternoon.