

ALLEGHENY COUNTY
CROMISA PROGRAM
Community Re-Integration of Offenders
with Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorder
412-350-3444

STATE FORENSIC
SUPPORT SERVICES
(State Max Out Program)
412-350-3490

**Allegheny County
Department of Human Services
Office of Behavioral Health**

This 20-bed facility located in downtown Pittsburgh is a therapeutic community that supports men with co-occurring mental illness and substance use disorder who are on probation or parole.

CROMISA is a voluntary program providing treatment, training and recovery-oriented services: mental health treatment, drug and alcohol treatment, family therapy, education, job skills training, life-skills training, recovery meetings and socialization.

A CROMISA treatment team reviews the Pennsylvania Client Placement Criteria Assessment, conducted by the Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) State Forensic Support Specialist, and any other relevant information provided by the referral source for each individual to determine eligibility and appropriateness for the program.

While in CROMISA, the individual is actively involved in all program activities including peer work groups at the facility and decision making on program structure.

The OBH State Forensic Support Specialist provides case management for Medical Assistance, obtaining clothes, and linkage to other supports in the community.

Provides case management for persons with mental illness referred from the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections at the expiration of a maximum prison sentence. The OBH State Forensic Support Specialist continues to assist the individual for up to 90 days after release from the State Correctional Institution.

Provides contingency funds to assist with purchase of basic items: food, clothing, transportation.

Works in collaboration with Service Coordination Units and other community providers to ensure a smooth transition into the community.

Provides technical assistance and support to other case management services and community providers to ensure continuity of care.

Coordinates involuntary commitments (302 or 304c) to local state hospitals for persons being released from a state correctional institution, when required.

302 = emergency commitment
304c = correctional inpatient to state hospital inpatient

FORENSIC SERVICES



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To create an accessible, culturally-competent, integrated array of forensic services for persons with special needs in the criminal justice system. To advocate for the least restrictive but most appropriate alternative to or transition from incarceration. To ensure all individuals with a mental disorder or co-occurring mental illness and substance use disorder have choices to accept recovery-focused and effective supports and services. To work with individuals and their families to build healthier and safer communities in Allegheny County.

FORENSIC DIVERSION SERVICES

412-350-2442/3373

Authorizes all forensic involuntary (302) and emergency hospital commitments with 24 hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week coverage.

Supports all Allegheny County forensic walk-ins and requests for 302 warrants at the County Office of Behavioral Health.

Provides coverage at the Allegheny County lock-up/jail intake area.

Coordinates all mental health treatment commitments for the forensic population.

Coordinates services through the Service Coordination Units and other agencies for individuals released from the Allegheny County Jail prior to or at the preliminary hearing.

Develops and presents an appropriate service plan to the District Courts. The service plan includes housing, treatment services, and linkage with community supports and case management.

Works in collaboration with the Allegheny County Jail, District Courts, Service Coordination Units and other community providers to ensure a smooth transition into the community.

Provides written referrals to the Forensic Support Services or Mental Health Court for individuals whose charges are held for trial or waived to trial from the preliminary hearing.

Provides contingency funds for basic items during early transition into the community.

FORENSIC SUPPORT SERVICES

412-350-4359

Provides case management for all persons with mental illness referred from the point of formal arraignment to the time of sentencing. Support services are continued for up to 60 days after release from the Allegheny County Jail or for 60 days after sentencing.

Develops and presents an appropriate service plan to the Court of Common Pleas. The service plan includes housing, treatment services, and linkage with community supports and case management.

Arranges required services and provides supports for persons with mental illness referred to the Forensic Support Program by the Mental Health Court.

Works in collaboration with the Allegheny County Jail, Court of Common Pleas, Service Coordination Units and other community providers, to ensure a smooth transition into the community.

Conducts regular compliance reporting to Adult Probation and/or the Courts.

Collaborates with the Forensic Diversion team for authorization of a 302 commitment, when required or necessary.

Provides technical assistance and support to case management services and community providers to ensure continuity of care and adherence to the service plan.

Provides contingency funds for basic items during early transition into the community.

MENTAL HEALTH COURT

412-350-4393

The Allegheny County Mental Health Court (MHC) is designed to promote treatment in the community in lieu of incarceration for the defendant with mental illness.

WHO QUALIFIES FOR MENTAL HEALTH COURT?

- ◆ **Any individual who has been diagnosed with a mental disorder, mental disability or is dually-diagnosed with a mental disorder and substance abuse;**
- ◆ **Who resides in Allegheny County;**
- ◆ **Who has been charged with a misdemeanor and/or non-violent felony in Allegheny County.**

BENEFITS OF MENTAL HEALTH COURT

- ◆ **A person may be released from jail and placed in mental health services/treatment in lieu of incarceration.**
- ◆ **A person placed on probation from MHC will be supervised by a Special Services Probation Officer and receive support from an OBH MHC Probation Liaison.**

HOW DOES MENTAL HEALTH COURT WORK?

MHC is a voluntary court. If services are accepted, a service plan is developed collaboratively by the individual and the Court. A bond modification hearing will then be held, if necessary. Upon approval by the Court, the service plan will become a condition of bond for release from the Allegheny County Jail. Once in the community, the individual is expected to follow the service plan while the case proceeds to trial. A subsequent sentence will likely include probation with a condition to continue with the service plan. Individuals will be monitored closely by the Court and the OBH Probation Liaison who will also provide on-going support for compliance with the service plan, until the probation expires.

