



Centre County District Attorney's Behavioral Health Diversionary Initiative (BHDI)

Developed by the Centre County District Attorney's Office.

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I. OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM

Identify individuals with serious mental illnesses who are involved with the criminal justice system and redirect them from traditional criminal justice pathways to mental health treatment systems. By connecting these individuals to community-based treatment services, it is the goal of the Behavioral Health Diversionary Initiative program (hereinafter “Program) to reduce police contact and recidivism. By successfully completing the Program, individuals avoid the consequences that lengthy criminal records can have on them when they reenter society and the workplace.

This diversionary program is voluntary and requires that the applicant be receiving mental health treatment at the time of admission. For residents of Centre County, mental health treatment can be coordinated through Centre County Mental Health. For applicants living outside of Centre County, their home county mental health office can coordinate services or private insurance can be used. (See information for Centre County Mental Health below.)

II. CRITERIA

- A.** Initial screening and case approval by the Centre County District Attorney's Office;
- B.** Non-violent criminal offenses;
- C.** A DSM-V diagnosis;
- D.** Amenable to treatment;
- E.** Willing to execute releases with treatment providers for Centre County Probation & Parole and Centre County Mental Health / Intellectual Disabilities / Early Intervention and Drug & Alcohol Office (hereinafter "Centre County Mental Health"); and
- F.** Violent crimes to be evaluated by the District Attorney's Office on a case-by-case basis.

III. STANDARD CONDITIONS OF THE PROGRAM

The following conditions shall be used to determine what supervision and requirements an individual will undergo as part of the Program. These standard conditions will be determined by the District Attorney's Office upon review of the individual's case, supporting materials, and application. Not all individuals applying for, and being accepted to, the Program will have the same conditions.

- A.** Provide proof of a DSM-V diagnosis.
- B.** Provide proof that the individual has applied for and is receiving services through Centre County Mental Health's administrative case management and blended case management programs, and/or provide proof that the individual is receiving mental health services through another provider/program.
- C.** Comply with treatment recommendations of the mental health provider, Centre County Mental Health, psychologist and/or psychiatrist.
- D.** Execute releases from the mental health provider, authorizing release of information between Centre County Probation and Parole and Centre County Mental Health.
- E.** For those individuals receiving services through Centre County Mental Health, comply with all requirements of the administrative case management and blended case management treatment plans.
- F.** Submit to any requested bloodwork and testing to ensure compliance with prescribed medications and prohibitions against non-prescribed drugs.
- G.** No possession or use of non-prescribed drugs or controlled substances.
- H.** (Optional if alcohol is involved in the offense) No possession or use of alcohol during the term of supervision.
- I.** Individuals shall not possess and/or use any rifle, shotgun, handgun or any other form of offensive weapon during the term of the program.
- J.** Individuals shall pay any and all restitution at the time of placement or as a condition of supervision, as determined by the Centre County District Attorney's Office.

IV. TRACK 1

ARD OR RULE 586 DISMISSAL AFTER THE COMPLETION OF TREATMENT

CRITERIA AND EXPECTATIONS

- 1) Primarily non-violent criminal offenses.
- 2) Individual has been engaged in treatment and is in compliance with the treatment plan.
- 3) Term of supervision or treatment is sufficient to address mental health issues raised.
- 4) Expected minimum period of mental health treatment is 6 months.
- 5) Expected ARD supervision is 6 – 12 months depending on the recommended length of treatment.
- 6) Co-occurring conditions - term of supervision sufficient to ensure treatment is 12 – 24 months of treatment.

V. TRACK 2**CRIMES OF A SERIOUS NATURE AND INDIVIDUALS REQUIRING
STRUCTURED SUPERVISION****CRITERIA AND EXPECTATIONS**

- 1) Requires a guilty plea to negotiated charges.
- 2) Individual has been engaged in and in compliance with mental health treatment for a minimum of six months prior to the guilty plea.
- 3) For Centre County residents, provide proof that the individual is receiving services through a case manager or blended case manager at Centre County Mental Health.
- 4) Individuals must complete the standard terms and conditions of the program as indicated above in Section III.
- 5) Court may include restrictive conditions of probation, including jail, probation with restrictive conditions (in-home detention), or inpatient treatment.
- 6) Restitution shall be paid at the time of sentencing or pursuant to a payment plan.

VI. RESOURCES

Centre County District Attorney's Office

- ❖ Centre County Courthouse Annex
106 East High Street, Room 302
Bellefonte, PA 16823
- ❖ **814-355-6735**

<https://centrecountypa.gov/366/District-Attorney>

Center for Community Resources (CCR)

- ❖ 2100 East College Avenue, Suite A
State College, PA 16801

Crisis Intervention Services: **1-800-643-5432**
(walk-in / in-person, phone, mobile)

Mount Nittany Medical Center (MNMC)

- ❖ **Emergency Department**
 - 1800 East Park Avenue
State college, PA 16803

Emergency Department Psychiatric Case Management: **814- 234-6734**

Main Hospital Line: **814-231-7000**

Mental Health Resource Book:

Hard Copy or <https://centrecountypa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2100>

Centre County Case Management Services

Strawberry Fields, Inc:

- ❖ 3054 Enterprise Dr, State College, PA 16801
- ❖ **814-234-6023**

Centre County Mental Health:

- ❖ 3500 E College Ave #1200, State College, PA 16801
- ❖ **814-355-6786**