

Referral Process

- ◇ Incident = Individual arrested
- ◇ Individual is detained in juvenile hall
- ◇ Case Hearing where youth may be referred to JBHC to determine eligibility
- ◇ Individual is referred to JBHC
- ◇ Mental Health Clinician does assessment to determine if there are mental health needs
- ◇ Case Hearing where court staff further reviews the case and determines the individual's eligibility for the JBHC program
- ◇ If the youth is eligible for JBHC and both the parent and youth agree, then the individual signs a contract and begins to participate in services



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JUVENILE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COURT (JBHC)

- Providing Mental health services to Youth that are on probation



Promoting positive change in behavior while focusing on the philosophies and principles of wellness and recovery in a welcoming and culturally competent environment.

Court Ordered Mental Health Services

JBHC Requirements

Merced County Behavioral Health Court is a court-supervised program for minors diagnosed primarily with an Axis I mental illness and who are wards of the Juvenile Delinquency court.

Requirements of the program:

- ◆ Referral by Courts, Probation or District Attorney
- ◆ Must have an Axis I mental illness
- ◆ Participation from the parents **



The team consists of a Mental Health Clinician, a Probation Officer, a Program Assistant and a Case Manager.

Participation from the parents is strongly encouraged

JBHC is a MHSА funded program under Community Services and Supports (CSS) with several key objectives:



- ⇒ Decrease symptoms of mental illness
- ⇒ Recovery from mental illness
- ⇒ Self-advocacy
- ⇒ Contributing to society
- ⇒ Achievement of Goals
- ⇒ Abstinence from drugs/alcohol
- ⇒ Decrease in probation violations
- ⇒ Decrease in incarcerations

There are four phases of the program that must be completed in order for the individual to graduate.



Supportive Services Include:

- Mental Health Assessment with treatment plan/goals
- On-going crisis and Suicide Intervention/Prevention
- Individual counseling sessions with an assigned mental health clinician
- Family therapy sessions as needed
- Group therapy with peers who are also enrolled and participating in JBHC
- Assistance with Transportation
- Assistance with miscellaneous needs upon approval (i.e.: glasses, birth certificates, etc....)
- Coordination of community services and resources
- Field trips and other social activities to promote positive social interaction within the community
- Regular contact with their probation officer which includes but is not limited to visits at the home
- Referrals to other resources as needed
- Crisis Assessments and Referrals
- Other services as needed