



## **WELCOME TO THE MID-MICHIGAN REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH COURT**

**Serving Clinton, Gratiot, Ionia, and Montcalm counties.**

The Mid-Michigan Mental Health Court (MMRMHC) is a twelve-to-twenty-four-month program that integrates criminal justice resources, case management, and mental health treatment to rehabilitate targeted repeat offenders in lieu of incarceration. Offenders already under supervision that violate the terms of their supervision may also be eligible for admission into the program. Mental Health Courts have improved the quality of life for the client, increase public safety, and reduce costs for the community. An estimated 15 – 20 percent of inmates have a diagnosable mental illness and when left untreated the likelihood of homelessness, unemployment, and overall well-being diminishes.

The MMRMHC teams consist of the assigned judge, MDOC probation agents, county prosecutors, mental health treatment providers, law enforcement officials, defense attorneys, probation officers, and representatives from the community. The team works together for the common goal of helping participants with their mental health.

### **WHY PARTICIPATE IN THE MMRMHC?**

- Possibility of no jail or reduced jail time,
- Possibility of reduced charge upon successful completion of program/probation,
- Extended times to pay court fines/costs,
- Treatment for mental health and substance abuse,
- Assistance with needs that your family may encounter,
- Continuous support to help in a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

**“For the participant it is a chance to find a way to live a full and happy life despite their illness; for their families and friends it is a chance to have a relationship with the person they love.” – Genesee County Judge Jennie Barkey**

### **MHC OUTCOMES**

In fiscal year 2021 it was found that MHC participants were more than two (2) times less likely to commit another crime within (3) years of admission into the MHC. In 2021 there were 570 participants discharged from a MHC in Michigan. 307 participants, or 54 percent were successfully discharged.

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