

Developing a Mental Health Court Learning Objectives

Module	Learning Objectives
Introduction to Behavioral Health	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe the components of the mental health and substance abuse systems 2. Understand the symptoms and basic terminology of mental illnesses and co-occurring substance use disorders (CODs) 3. Describe the principles of effective treatment for mental illnesses and CODs
Introduction to Criminal Justice	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify the common stakeholders in the criminal justice system 2. Describe how a criminal case proceeds through a typical criminal justice system 3. Understand certain legal concepts, types of cases, and principles for recidivism reduction
Module 1: <i>Understanding Mental Health Courts</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Articulate why a community may decide to start a mental health court 2. Describe the mental health court model and the state of research on program outcomes 3. Identify program models other than mental health courts that have been shown to improve outcomes for individuals with mental illnesses involved in the criminal justice system
Module 2: <i>Your Community, Your Mental Health Court</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify local- and state-level stakeholders who should help plan your mental health court 2. Articulate common mental health court goals and ways of measuring these goals 3. Understand how to build on local resources and priorities to shape your program
Module 3: <i>The Mental Health Court Team</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe the roles and responsibilities of the core mental health court team members 2. Identify ethical issues that mental health courts present for yourself and other team members 3. Develop approaches for handling conflict within your mental health court team
Module 4: <i>Target Population</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand the current state of research on who benefits from mental health courts 2. Understand how local conditions can shape criminal justice and clinical eligibility criteria 3. Analyze factors for and against requiring a plea for program participation
Module 5: <i>Designing Policies and Procedures for Program Participation</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand how a mental health court program can be designed to protect legal rights 2. Describe how to design a referral process for your program 3. Identify considerations for determining the duration of an individual's participation
Module 6: <i>Case Planning</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand what a case plan and its main components are 2. Describe the relationship between the treatment plan and supervision conditions 3. Understand how to develop treatment plans and supervision conditions based on comprehensive assessments and available supports
Module 7: <i>Facilitating the Success of Mental Health Court Participants</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Articulate principles that research shows are effective in modifying behavior 2. Describe how these principles inform your role on the mental health court team 3. Develop policies and procedures that apply these principles to your mental health court
Module 8: <i>Launching and Sustaining Your Program</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify common strategies for funding your program at the outset 2. Describe the role of data collection and evaluation in managing and sustaining your program 3. Describe strategies for engaging your advisory group and team members in continuously improving the program