

Ada County Mental Health Court

Mental Health Court Referral Checklist

- ✓ Does the defendant live in Ada County? If not, is the defendant willing to relocate to Ada County? If yes, proceed to next item. **If no, this defendant is not eligible.**
- ✓ Has the defendant plead guilty to a felony in Ada County? If yes, proceed to next item. **If no, this defendant is not eligible.**
- ✓ Will a District Court Judge refer the defendant for a Mental Health Court assessment? If yes, proceed to next item. **If no, this defendant is not eligible.**
- ✓ **Does the defendant have a medically documented diagnosis of a mental illness? If yes, proceed to next item.** If no, the defendant is unlikely to be eligible. Contact MHC for further information.
- ✓ **Is the documented mental illness bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, or another psychotic illness (such as major depression, severe, recurrent, with psychosis)? If yes, proceed to next item.** If no, the defendant is unlikely to be eligible. Contact MHC for further information.

PLEASE NOTE that neither an intellectual nor developmental disability is an eligible diagnosis in lieu of a severe and persistent mental illness.

- ✓ **Does the defendant have a documented history of treatment for this mental illness for at least two years? If yes, proceed to next item.** If no, the defendant is unlikely to be eligible. Contact MHC for further information.
- ✓ Does the defendant have a traumatic brain injury? If yes, this defendant *MIGHT* be eligible depending on the extent of the injury. Contact MHC for further information. **If no, proceed to next item.**
- ✓ Does this defendant have developmental delay or learning disability that prevents him from reading at least at the 6th Grade level? If no, proceed to next item. **If yes, this defendant is not eligible.**
- ✓ Is this defendant a registered sex offender, or is this defendant required to register as a sex offender pending the disposition of the current charge? If no, proceed to next item. **If yes, this defendant is not eligible.**
- ✓ Does the defendant have a history of person to person violence? **If no, proceed to next item.** If yes AND the incident was a result of an untreated mental illness, proceed. If you are unsure, contact MHC for further information.
- ✓ If you have reached this point, the defendant is probably a good candidate for **referral** to Mental Health Court. **This does not mean the defendant is eligible.** Trivium Life Services will review each defendant's application to determine the standard of care for which they are eligible. The Ada County Prosecuting Attorney's Office will screen all applicants and make a recommendation for acceptance/denial. **The Mental Health Court judge will make the final decision regarding all Mental Health Court applicants.**

Please feel free to call the Mental Health Court office at 208-287-7507 or email Alice Shriver at ashriver@adacounty.id.gov with any questions about a possible referral.