#### About the Program

The Adult Probation Supervision Mental Health Program is designed to help probation clients with mental health support needs. The program is available in all 21 counties.

### Program Highlights:

- Probation officers are specially trained.
- There is a focus on the officer/client relationship.
- Probation officers understand the impact of trauma.
- Probation officers help clients with problem-solving.
- Probation officers propose solutions that match clients' needs.
- Probation officers make more field visits with clients.
- There is a strong collaboration between agencies.
- The program helps develop stronger connections with families.



**Probation Office Directory** 

COUNTY	PHONE
Atlantic	609-402-0100 ext. 47176
Bergen	201-221-0700 ext. 25427
Burlington	609-288-9500 ext. 38011
Camden	856-650-9100 ext. 43280
Cape May	609-402-0100 ext. 47190
Cumberland	856-878-5050 ext. 15020
Essex	973-776-9300 ext. 53021
Gloucester	856-878-5050 ext. 15750
Hudson	201-748-4400 ext. 60190
Hunterdon	908-824-9750 ext. 13860
Mercer	609-571-4200 ext. 74210
Middlesex	732-645-4300 ext. 88585
Monmouth	732-358-8700 ext. 87320
Morris	862-397-5700 ext. 75567
Ocean	732-504-0700 ext. 64510
Passaic	973-653-2910 ext. 24147
Salem	856-878-5050 ext. 15954
Somerset	908-332-7700 ext. 13760
Sussex	862-397-5700 ext. 75590
Union	908-787-1650 ext. 21600
Warren	908-750-8100 ext. 13960



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# Adult Probation Supervision Mental Health Program



For more information about the adult probation supervision mental health program, go to www.njcourts.gov and search for probation services.



## How Does the Adult Probation Supervision Mental Health Program Help?

People with undiagnosed mental health needs or undertreated mental health diagnoses end up in the criminal justice system more frequently than people without mental health needs. Those with serious or significant mental health diagnoses more frequently receive prison sentences rather than meaningful treatment and access to resources, according to the data.

The New Jersey Judiciary is committed to addressing the systemwide challenges that exist for this population of probation clients. The Adult Probation Supervision Mental Health Program was piloted in 2005 and expanded statewide in 2010. Program staff develop relationships with local services providers to support client engagement with treatment providers and community resources.

## Who is Eligible?

Probation clients who appear to be in crisis and have a serious or significant mental health diagnosis confirmed by a licensed mental health professional are eligible.

Being "in crisis" is defined by probation as having current behaviors and/or life circumstances related to mental health that interfere with client engagement and participation in the treatment services necessary for making positive behavioral change.

Clients in the Pre-Trial Intervention (PTI) program who meet the listed requirements also are eligible. Clients under probation supervision due to domestic violence offenses against an intimate partner or sex offenses of any kind are not eligible for the program.

### How Do Clients Enter the Program?

Referrals are typically made by probation intake staff and supervising probation officers.

A referral also can be initiated by jail social workers, treatment and social service agency providers, family members, and attorneys. Referrals to the program allow for therapeutic and strategic probation supervision interventions to promote positive results and safer communities.

## **Measures of Success for Clients**

- More connections to treatment programs and service providers
- Reduction in the number of days clients spend in jail or prison
- A significant reduction in rearrests
- Fewer hospital stays
- Better quality of life
- Fewer days unhoused
- Improved overall quality of life

## **More Information**

For more information or to initiate a referral, contact the probation division in your county. A directory can be found on the back of this brochure.