

First Judicial District Behavioral Health Court.

“Promoting health and wellness to individuals while gaining stability in the community.”

Our Mission:

Our Mission of the First Judicial District Behavioral Health Court is to provide:

- Supportive Treatment Team environment
- Safe space to share concerns and achievements in treatment.
- New coping skills
- A vision for safety
- Medication compliance
- Self sufficiency
- Independent Living
- A lifetime of wellness

The Court:

The BHC program is a multidisciplinary team that is made up of local professionals wanting to help the community in this need. Our team works beside individuals to provide a variety of resources to support with Substance Use and/or Mental Health. Our team is organized to utilize community resources and an abundance of wrap around services to help participants succeed.

The Program:

BHC is a court-supervised, comprehensive treatment program for those with diagnosed Substance Use and Mental Health Disorders. BHC is a voluntary program although sentencing court may order a participant to successfully complete as part of a criminal case or a bail condition. By utilizing a four-phase plan, the court and Treatment Court Members monitor the participants movement through each phase. In doing so, participants gain a sense of responsibility and accountability through incentives, therapeutic responses and sanctions.

Eligibility:

Any potential participant must be 18 years or older to apply. Terms of BHC must be agreed upon. A Chemical Dependency Evaluation and/or Mental Health Evaluation must be current. Individuals who are facing criminal felony, misdemeanor charges or revocation petitions and are diagnosed with a Mental Health Disorder, Substance Use Disorder, or a combination of both; an individual facing involuntary commitment to the Montana State Hospital; parents in Dependent Neglect proceedings that have diagnosed Mental Health Disorder and /or Substance Use Disorder with residents in the Lewis and Clark and Broadwater County. If an individual has not been convicted of Deliberate Homicide, kidnapping, or any sex crimes.

Entry Process:

- Complete Application Packet
- Complete updates Chemical Dependency and/or Mental Health Evaluations and any assessments necessary by provider
- BHC Team will staff approval or denial on applicant
- Potential participant and the court will be notified of the decision

The First Judicial District Behavioral Health Court Team:

- The Honorable Michael F. McMahon
- BHC Coordinator
- Deputy County Attorney
- Defense Counsel
- Treatment Providers
- Criminal Justice Services
- Social Worker

Other Team Members:

Local Law Enforcement, NAMI, Good Samaritan, Program Evaluator, Financial Administrator, and approved community partners.

As with the core BHC Team, these other team members are bound to confidentiality and are invested in the success, progress, health, and safety of the participants.

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