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THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MICHIGAN  
CRIMINAL DIVISION

SPECIALTY COURT SERVICES

# MISSION

The mission of Specialty Court Services is to oversee the operation of its four (4) treatment based programs; Adult Drug Treatment Court, Urban Drug Court Initiative, Mental Health Treatment Court, Veterans Treatment Court, and one (1) probation compliance program, Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program.

In doing so, we are to ensure that eligible defendants, for any of our programs, are identified at the earliest point in the judicial process and referred for alternative programming to address any underlying substance abuse and/or mental health issues which have led to their criminogenic behavior.

# OVERVIEW

Each program has its own target population as its focus. However, the goals are similar:

- Reduce drug and alcohol use during program participation
- Retain participants in substance abuse and/or mental health treatment
- Reduce drug and alcohol related crimes in the jurisdiction and
- Alleviate jail or detention overcrowding by engaging those eligible in evidence-based, effective treatment

We achieve these goals through intense Judicial Supervision and case management. We also receive immense assistance from our community partners who provide participants with intensive out-patient and/or in-patient services and teach them valuable life skills in order to maintain their sobriety and manage their mental health, so that they can be productive members of their community.

## PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Michigan Compiled Law (MCL) governs each program's criterion for eligibility; however, the final decision to accept a defendant into a program is made by the Prosecutor's Office and the Supervising Judge. With the exception of our Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program, violent offenders are not allowed to participate in our programs.

Eligibility can also be determined by the offenders COMPAS score. COMPAS is the Correctional Offender Management Profiling for Alternative Sanctions (**COMPAS**) research-based, risk and needs assessment tool used by criminal justice practitioners to assist them in the placement, supervision, and case management of offenders in the community.

# REFERRAL SOURCES FOR SPECIALTY COURT PROGRAMS

## SOURCES:

- ✓ Defense Attorney
- ✓ Prosecutor's Office
- ✓ Judges
- ✓ Pretrial Services Department
- ✓ Wayne County Jail
- ✓ Court Appointed Probation Officer (CAPO)
- ✓ Other Specialty Court Programs

# ADULT DRUG TREATMENT COURT(ADTC)/URBAN DRUG COURT INITIATIVE (UDCI)

Both ADTC and UDCI are governed by [MCL 600.1070](#).

## **ELIGIBILITY:**

### **Seriously Addicted Offenders**

Criminal involvement or probation/parole violation is a result of addiction to controlled substance or alcohol and the addiction seriously impedes the defendant's ability to function as a responsible adult.

### **Non-Violent Offenders**

The current offense and/or prior criminal history do not involve death or serious bodily injury to an individual, a dangerous weapons offense, a sex crime, or arson.

### **Prison or Jail Bound Offenders**

Probation and parole violators, who would otherwise be sentenced to jail or prison.

# ADULT DRUG TREATMENT COURT(ADTC)/URBAN DRUG COURT INITIATIVE (UDCI)—CONTINUED

## ADTC

### **CRITERIA:**

COMPAS score of 0-6 and above are preferred. Lower guidelines prevent the participants from qualifying for necessary services; such as, inpatient treatment. Previous CCW convictions are considered for UDCI referrals only.

### **PROGRAM RESTRICTIONS:**

Mandatory exclusions are prior assaultive felony convictions, including weapons offenses, aggravated assault, sex offenders, and arsonists.

### **PHASE LENGTH/PHASES:**

24 months; 3 phases

# ADULT DRUG TREATMENT COURT(ADTC)/URBAN DRUG COURT INITIATIVE (UDCI)

## UDCI

### **CRITERIA:**

The case must originate in the City of Detroit and a COMPAS score of medium/high is required for admission.

### **PROGRAM RESTRICTIONS:**

Mandatory exclusions are prior assaultive felony convictions, including weapons offenses, aggravated assault, sex offenders, and arsonists.

### **PHASE LENGTH/PHASES:**

24 months; 3 phases



# MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT COURT (MHC)

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Mental Health Treatment Court is governed by [MCL 600.1095](#).

## **ELIGIBILITY:**

Clients must have a serious mental illness, or serious emotional disturbance as defined under the Mental Health Code, [MCL 330.1100](#) and the severe nature of the mental illness or functional impairment necessitates intensive clinical services (example; Bi-polar disorder, schizophrenia, PTSD). Some low level assaultive cases are considered on a case by case basis.

# MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT COURT (CONTINUED)

## MHC

### **CRITERIA:**

Must be Severely and Persistently Mentally Ill (SPMI) and eligible for either Mental Health Diversion programs or be a Mental Health Diversion probation violator.

### **PROGRAM RESTRICTIONS:**

No prior assaultive felony convictions, including weapons offenses, aggravated assault, sex offenders, and arsonists. Low level assault cases considered on a case-by-case basis. No OUIL cases that require mandatory jail time. No high level developmentally disabled clients.

### **PHASE LENGTH/PHASES:**

18-24 months; 4 phases

# VETERANS TREATMENT COURT (VTC)

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Veterans Treatment Court is governed by [MCL 600.1206](#).

## **ELIGIBILITY:**

Any Veteran with a discharge, **other than dishonorable**, may be eligible. The Veteran is also required to live or attend college in Wayne County or within 30 miles of any Wayne County boundary. There is also a connection between the veterans' criminal offense and his/her mental and/or physical injury from service.

# VETERANS TREATMENT COURT (VTC)-- CONTINUED

## VTC

### **CRITERIA:**

Any military discharge status, other than dishonorable, and there is a connection between the veterans' criminal offense and his/her mental and/or physical injury from service.

### **PROGRAM RESTRICTIONS:**

No dishonorable discharges from military service.

No violent offenses as described in [MCL 600.1200\(k\)](#).

No charges pending in another jurisdiction that would restrict participation in the VTC program.

### **PHASE LENGTH/PHASES:**

24 months; 5 phases

# SWIFT AND SURE SANCTIONS PROBATION PROGRAM (SSSPP)

SSSPP is governed by [MCL 771A.3](#).

## **ELIGIBILITY:**

COMPAS assessment score of 7 or higher on either the non-Violent Felony Offense (VFO) Risk scale or on the VFO Risk scale; and one of the following:

- (i) One or more sanctioned probation violations on the current case, or
- (ii) Two or more sanctioned probation violations, or
- (iii) One or more probation failures due to behavioral noncompliance.

Violent offenders are allowed; however, judicial discretion is used to determine admission on a case by case basis.

# SWIFT AND SURE SANCTIONS PROBATION PROGRAM (SSSPP)--CONTINUED

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## **SSSPP**

### **CRITERIA:**

A minimum of 12 months of probation remaining. COMPAS score of 7 or higher. History of probation failure(s).

### **PROGRAM RESTRICTIONS:**

Anyone with less than 12 months remaining on probation.

### **PHASE LENGTH/PHASES:**

12 months; 3 phases

# SUPERVISING JUDGES BY PROGRAM

## **ADTC/UDCI**

Judge Catherine Heise, Courtroom 804

Judge Qiana Lillard, Courtroom 502 and

Judge Lawrence Talon, Courtroom 601

## **MHC**

Judge Timothy M. Kenny, Presiding, Courtroom 602

## **VTC**

Judge Deborah Thomas, Courtroom 302

Judge Ulysses Boykin, Courtroom 603

## **SSSPP**

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