



Who We Are

About Us

In working within the Stepping Up Initiative here in Dauphin County, the Mental Health Court was developed to support individuals with serious mental health who obtain legal charges as a result of their mental health symptoms.

With proper services, participants with mental health can break the cycle within the criminal justice system and lower recidivism rates.

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**DAUPHIN COUNTY
MENTAL HEALTH COURT**

101 Market Street
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Program Eligibility



Presumptive Qualifying Characteristics

Eligibility:

- Charged with a crime in Dauphin County.
- Have a serious mental health disorder.
- Resides in Dauphin County.



Presumptive Disqualifying Characteristics

- Current charges or prior charges in past 10 years of the following.

• Aggravated Indecent Assault	• Murder
• Arson (and related offenses)	• Rape
• Assault of LEO	• Sexual Abuse of Children
• Assault by Life Prisoner	• Sexual Assault
• Assault by Prisoner	• Incest
• Drug Delivery Resulting in Death	• Indecent Assault
• Involuntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse	• Statutory Sexual Assault
• Sexual Exploitation of Children	• Kidnapping
• Unlawful contact with a Minor	• Theft by Extortion
• Human Trafficking (and related offenses)	• Voluntary Manslaughter

DAUPHIN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH COURT



*Honorable Judge
Andrew H. Dowling*

About Our Program

Phases of Program

In each phase participants are required to adhere to their treatment and supervision plans. In Phases 1-4, participants are required to complete an allotted number of hours of a daily structured activity as directed by the MH Court Team. Phases 1-4 are designed to take 3-6 months to complete. After Care Phase is a minimum of 6 months.

Phase 1:

- ✦ Report for Intake.
- ✦ Attend Mental Health Court weekly.
- ✦ Meet with assigned probation officer a minimum of once per week and your case manager once per week.

Phase 2:

- ✦ Attend Mental Health Court bi-weekly.
- ✦ Meet with assigned probation officer a minimum of once per week and your case manager once per week.

Phase 3:

- ✦ Attend Mental Health Court tri weekly.
- ✦ Meet with assigned probation officer a minimum of once every two weeks and your case manager once every two weeks.

Phase 4:

- ✦ Attend Mental Health Court once a month.
- ✦ Meet with assigned probation officer a minimum of once per month and your case manager once per month.

Aftercare Phase:

- ✦ Meet with assigned probation officer a minimum of once per month and your case manager once per month.
- ✦ Complete allotted number of hours of a daily structured activity as directed.



Courtroom 5

Mental Health Court Team

The Dauphin County Team is comprised of members from the following departments:

- Honorable Judge Andrew H. Dowling
- Dauphin County District Attorney's Office
- Dauphin County Public Defender's Office
- Dauphin County Probation & Parole
- Dauphin County Mental Health/Autism/Developmental Programs (MH/A/DP)
- Case Management Unit (CMU)
- Dauphin County Drug & Alcohol
- Dauphin County Prison
- Dauphin County Work Release

Mission Statement

The mission of the Dauphin County Mental Health Court is to promote public safety by keeping participants with serious mental illness and/or co-occurring disorders safe and accountable as they engage in necessary treatment. This will ensure the participant begins the process of recovery and will result in an increase in safety and security for the residents of Dauphin County through lower rates of recidivism.

"Don't judge my story by the chapter you walked in on."

– Author Unknown

Referral Process

Referral packet includes:

- Fully completed Mental Health Court Referral Form.
- Copies of all pending complaints and probable cause affidavits.
- Copies of all mental health treatment records.

Referral packet completed by:

- Dauphin County Entities, such as those listed in the Mental Health Court Team section or any entity in the legal process.
- Community Based Providers, such as Mental Health Providers as well as Drug & Alcohol Providers.