



Travis County Community Supervision & Corrections Department

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Integrated Services of Travis County Fact Sheet

What Is Integrated Services of Travis County?

The Integrated Services Program is a collaborative effort between Travis County Adult Probation, State of Texas Parole and Austin Travis County Integral Care ANEW to enhance outcomes for individuals assigned to probation or parole with a mental health priority population diagnosis.

The Integrated Services Program provides additional structure and resources to better assist special needs offenders in being successful on probation and parole.

What is the Mission of Integrated Services?

Our mission is the successful completion of probation and parole for offenders with mental impairments through intensive, team-based service that assists in positive behavioral changes while ensuring public safety. In addition, Probation also serves offenders with developmental disabilities.

How Effective is Travis County Integrated Services Compared to Typical Mental Health Specialized Probation Supervision?

Differences in recidivism 12 months after placement in supervision

	Pre 6 Mo Placements (Sep 2006 - Feb 2007)	Post 6 Mo Placements (Sep 2008 - Feb 2009)	# Change	% Change	% Change in Rate
12 Month follow up	(N = 94)	(N = 95)			
Total Revocations	41	16	-25	-27%	-61%
Total Arrests*	76	45	-31	-33%	-41%

*Some probationers had multiple arrests.

An avoidance of 25 revocations annually who would otherwise serve an average of 16 months in TDCJ at \$42.54 per day for a total cost avoidance of -\$510,400.

What are the Essential Program Elements?

Mental Health Probation and Parole Officers and ANEW Treatment Staff are co-located in a common location providing team-based supervision and case-management.

The program uses a Recovery Model that includes the offender in the assessment process, setting of goals, and developing the treatment and supervision plans.

Team-based supervision and case-management services include coordinated appointments, treatment team reviews, cross-trained staff, and regular information sharing and decision making.

Courts are involved to help reduce probation revocations and to assist probationers address needs and engage in treatment.

What is a Mental Health Priority Population Diagnosis?

Schizophrenia
Schizoaffective
Bipolar Disorder
Major Depression with Global Assessment Functioning Score of 50 or below

What Do Mental Health Probation and Parole Officers and Treatment Staff Do?

Staff work collaboratively with the offender to provide intensive services, coordination and assistance with medication management and compliance, completion of treatment, addressing any special needs, and compliance with the orders of the Court or Parole Board.

Probation and Parole Caseloads average 45 offenders per Officer.

How is Probation Program Eligibility Determined?

Weekly staffing of cases at the Travis County Mental Health Court Docket with Staffing Team of prosecutor, defense attorney, Sheriff's office, Integral Care and Probation representatives.

Assessment information highlighted in a Diagnostic Report (Pre-Sentence Investigation).

Referrals from law enforcement, jail counselors, public defender, probation officers, Parole Board.

Who is Eligible to Participate?

Probationers with a high degree of risk and serious functional impairment.

Probationers with a mental health priority population diagnosis.

75% are felony probationers; 25% are misdemeanor probationers.

What is the Focus of Probation Supervision?

Risk Management – Staff monitor compliance with treatment and conditions of supervision.

Risk Reduction – Staff engage probationers in programs and services to address treatment and criminogenic needs to reduce further arrests.

What are the Key Goals of Supervision for Probationers?

To focus on service delivery, engagement, and stabilization during the first months of supervision when mental health probationers are more likely to re-offend.

To reinstate benefits that may have been suspended immediately upon release from jail.

To identify realistic supervision conditions.

To use a graduated system of responses that hold probationers accountable for technical violations of supervision while recognizing individual treatment needs related to the functional impairment.

To use Motivational Interviewing and problem solving strategies to identify obstacles, resolve problems, and agree on a compliance plan.

To work with the community to seek and enhance resources.

What is a Probation Mental Health Support Court?

A Mental Health Support Court works with probationers to 'support' their adjustment to probation and placement in treatment, for 'support' to maintain a medication regimen, and to 'support' probationers with repeated violations who are at risk of probation revocation.

A Staffing Team meets to review probationer progress and share information on achievements or non-compliance.

Individual needs are addressed and sanctions imposed or incentives granted.