



Mental Health Court Diversion & Support Program Fact Sheet

	DIVERSION	COURT SUPPORT SERVICES	POST-CONVICTION SERVICES
T A R G E T P O P U L A T I O N	<p>Adults who <i>appear to have mental health needs</i> who have been charged with a criminal offence, and who would benefit from community or hospital-based mental health services as a possible alternative to incarceration.</p>		<p>Adults <i>with mental health needs</i> who have been <i>convicted</i> of a criminal offence, and who would benefit from community or hospital-based mental health services as an alternative to incarceration or upon discharge.</p>
	<p>Mental health needs include: Mental Illness, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, Acquired Brain Injury, Developmental Disability, Dual Diagnosis, and Concurrent Disorders.</p>		
S E R V I C E F U N C T I O N S	<p>Diversion occurs where the Crown believes mental illness is the underlying cause of alleged criminal conduct: the Crown may stay the charge(s) after the accused embarks upon a community treatment plan which addresses treatment needs and reduces the likelihood of recidivism.</p>	<p>Based on client need, court support services may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance accessing duty counsel, legal aid, and/or retaining counsel • Facilitation of bail release • Case management and linkages to community support services, housing, psychiatric and income supports • Individualized recommendations to the court upon sentencing 	<p>There are several points during post-conviction phase where Post-Conviction Services can be accessed, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between disposition and sentencing • While individual is in custody • Community supervision case management • Release planning • Conditional release and unconditional release.
R E F F E R A L S	<p>Individuals may be referred to the Court Diversion & Support Program by various sources including the Court, Crown Attorney, Defence/Duty Counsel, Probation Officer, community service providers, family members, as well as self referrals.</p> <p>Referrals can be made any time during an individual's legal process by contacting CMHA Court Diversion & Support Worker, Phone: 274-9400 extension 7 or fax: 274-3515</p>		