

**STATE OF FLORIDA** 

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CITRUS, HERNANDO, LAKE, MARION AND SUMTER COUNTIES



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Marion County "MHC Milestone Meeting"

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In 2011, Marion County was awarded an implementation grant specifically to create and operate a Mental Health Court to increase public safety, avert increased spending in criminal justice, and improve the accessibility and effectiveness of treatment services for adults who have a mental illness, substance abuse disorder or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders and who are in, or at risk of entering, the criminal justice system in Marion County. The efforts behind this "Milestone 3 & 4" meeting are to provide a report on our achievements for our third and final year as this grant concludes at the end of February. This will be our "wrap-up" meeting.

The Management Team for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse (CJMHSA) Reinvestment Implementation Grant invites the media, representatives and members of the public to attend the consolidated "Milestone 3&4" meeting to learn about the outcomes of the Marion County Mental Health Court implementation grant and the future growth and sustainability of our county's Mental Health Court program.

The "Milestone 3 & 4" meeting will be held Friday, February 7, 2014, from 8:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room, on the first floor of the Marion County Judicial Center, 110 NW First Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34475.

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