



## **HERNANDO COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH COURT**

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### **Mental Health Court** **Mental Health Eligibility Criteria**

#### **Eligibility:**

- A mentally ill offender who is a potential Mental Health Court participant must be 18 years of age or older; live in Hernando County; and have a diagnosis of Bipolar Disorder, Schizoaffective Disorder, Schizophrenia, or Major Depressive Disorder.
- The Mental Health Court Treatment Team may consider as suitable, persons who are not public safety risks.
- To be suitable for Mental Health Court the person must have the capacity to manage the structure of the Mental Health Court.

#### **Non-Eligibility:**

- The disorder must not be a Cognitive Disorder or Developmental Disability or solely a Substance Abuse Disorder.
- If the initial assessment indicates the potential Mental Health Court participant has a primary substance abuse problem, he or she will be ineligible for Mental Health Court and will be offered the Drug Court program.
- Participants may be dropped at any time from the program if subsequent assessment reveals that the individual's primary diagnosis does not meet program criteria. As an example, a participant who was originally believed to be mentally ill may be determined to have a primary substance abuse problem. Participants determined to have a primary substance abuse problem will be offered transfer to the Drug Court program.