

# Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Court (MHDD)

Formerly Mental Health Court Docket

## MHDD Court Mission Statement

The mission of the Mental Health and Development al Disabilities Court is to promote early identification of defendants with severe mental health/developmental disabilities in order to promote coordination and cooperation among law enforcement, jails, community treatment providers, attorneys and the courts for defendants during the legal process and achieve outcomes that both protect society and support the mental health care and disability needs of the defendant.

### History of MHDD Court and Overview

In 2002, the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, suburban court partners, and community stakeholders created the Mental Health Court Initiative. Together, they developed the Mental Health Court Docket model.

The focus of this collaboration was to identify existing programs and services that serve the severe mentally ill and developmentally disabled population; to identify the gaps in service, and expand resources; to enhance communication and training which ultimately provides efficient, effective, and consistent criminal response.

In 2010, the Mental Health Court was renamed to the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Court (MHDD) to better represent the population it serves.

Today, the MHDD Court has 5 judges that oversee the Court, along with 2 Probation Supervisors, 2 pre-trial officers, and 13 highly trained post-conviction officers.

The collaborative effort between the courts and community agencies has helped to provide improved care for the MHDD offenders while promoting increased safety for the community through therapeutic approaches and evidence-based practices .

### Important Links

[Mental Health Assigned Counsel List](#)

[Cuyahoga County Mental Health Court Attorney Training](#)

[Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Procedures and Manual](#)

[County Wide Mental Health Court Initiative brochure](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

### Recent MHDD Court News and Information

Judge Cassandra Collier-Williams Joins MHDD Court

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Judge Hollie Gallagher Appointed Chair of MHDD Court Docket

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### Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Court Judges

[Judge Hollie L. Gallagher, Chair](#)

[Judge Michael P. Donnelly](#)

[Judge Deena R. Calabrese](#)

[Judge Robert C. McClelland](#)

[Judge Cassandra Collier-Williams](#)

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<b><i>Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Court Local Rules</i></b>
<u>30.0 ASSIGNMENT OF CRIMINAL CASES</u>
<u>30.1 ASSIGNMENT OF CRIMINAL CASES TO MENTAL HEALTH COURT DOCKETS</u>
<u>33.0 ASSIGNMENT AND COMPENSATION OF COUNSEL TO DEFEND</u>

## **HB 86 - Treatment in Lieu of Conviction**

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The newly enacted HB 86 effective September 30, 2011, expands eligibility for treatment in lieu of conviction (ORC 2951.041) to include "offender whose mental illness or intellectual disability contributed to their offense".

If an MHDD offender is eligible for Treatment in Lieu of Conviction they will be supervised by the MHDD Unit of the Probation Department. These defendants are held to the laws and local rules governing their type of case and are also ordered to maintain all mental health compliance