



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ
COLLABORATIVE COURTS OFFICE
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Behavioral Health Court Assessment (BHCA) Referral Packet

Behavioral Health Court is a collaborative court that serves individuals who are on formal probation and living with a serious mental health disorder that significantly impairs their daily functioning.

Eligibility Criteria

Clients must:

- ❖ On formal probation with Santa Cruz County Mental Health Terms
- ❖ Struggling with a significant and persistent mental health disorder that contributes to substantial functional impairment(s).
- ❖ Eligible for MOST Team Probation supervision or assigned to a specified mental health probation caseload
- ❖ Eligible for Santa Cruz County Medi-Cal
- ❖ Amenable to participate in BHC, attend residential treatment programs as recommended, and take medication as prescribed

BHCA Process

- ❖ Have client fill out and sign all Releases of Information (ROI) in the attached referral packet
- ❖ Request that the court conduct a Behavioral Health Court Assessment (BHCA)
- ❖ Fill out contact information form (attached)
- ❖ If client has any additional mental health records including out of Santa Cruz County records, please include supportive documentation with referral packet.
- ❖ Court Clinician will set up an interview after the referral packet is received

Please allow up to one to three weeks to complete the BHCA.

Return referral packet to the collaborative courts box located in the Judge's Chambers Office or email to collaborativecourts@santacruzcourt.org. If you have questions email collaborativecourts@santacruzcourt.org