

## Question: What are Mental Health Courts?

### Answer:

Drug Courts and Mental Health Courts, in some states, are forming partnership in order to coordinate **a new mental health program in the Justice System.** The mental health program will include expanded access to critical mental health services, and an integrative *Substance Use Disorder* recovery. I personally believe mental health records in the judicial system would safeguard individuals with co-occurring disorders. Also individuals with co-occurring disorders may be homeless, without transportation, and without income. They need mental health treatment to reenter society.

**(SAMHSA.Gov -Drug Courts) (Bureau of Justice Assistance Mental Health Programs. [www.bja.gov](http://www.bja.gov))**  
**([www.courts.state.nh.us/drugcourts/location.htm](http://www.courts.state.nh.us/drugcourts/location.htm)) (Oklahoma Drug and Mental Health Courts)**