



Behavioral Health Programs (BHP)

A Collaborative Effort in the 13th Judicial Circuit
Administered by the Administrative Office of the Courts

Overview

The Thirteenth Judicial Circuit's Behavioral Health Programs, established in 2022, is a comprehensive internship program geared towards:

- creating field placement opportunities for college level students which closely align with their field of study,
- assisting family law pro se litigants with direct behavioral health services and/or linkage to community resources;
- assisting the Circuit's Supervised Visitation Program.

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Program Specifications

Circuit Court Judges refer or order parties to meet with Behavioral Health Programs representatives; which may include graduate level social work interns. Litigants agree to participate in an evidence-based risk/needs assessment and adhere to recommendations. Compliance is reported to the referring judge.

1. Parties must agree to participate in BHP.
2. Parties must sign appropriate consent forms and releases of information.
3. Program participants may receive in-house service(s) to address problems as identified by the risk assessment or client self-report; to include mental/behavioral health, behavioral concerns, conflict resolution, coping/stress management.
4. Service provision may include linkage to community resources and system navigation.
5. BHP offers in-person, remote or hybrid service options.
6. Parties are assisted in developing discharge plans to successfully transition from the Circuit's Supervised Visitation Program.

- *Offers supportive services*
- *Focuses on empowering clients*
- *Envisions reducing stigma associated with mental illness*
- *Recognizes client strengths as the foundation for developing coping skills*
- *Acknowledges that utilizing evidence-based assessments and interventions positively impacts outcomes*
- *Is enhanced as a result of the Court's existing professional relationships with community stakeholders*

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