

THE PHOENIX COURT



PROGRAM CRITERIA

To participate in the Phoenix Court, a youth must meet the following requirements:

- Mental health or substance abuse diagnosis between the ages
- Approval by Phoenix Court Team
- Youth cannot have an Autism Spectrum Disorder diagnosis, IQ 70 or below, sexual offending history, currently AWOL or extended periods of AWOL.
- Youth cannot be actively suicidal, homicidal, psychotic, or going through withdrawal.
- Youth with severe psychiatric problems must be determined on a case-by-case basis.
- Parent(s) or caregiver must be willing to engage in home-based treatment and court hearings.



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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

- The Phoenix Court Docket serves youth with behavioral health disorders who have current Court involvement and are at risk of going deeper into the system.
- Phoenix Court candidates are youth who would not be court involved if it were not for their behaviors associated with mental health, substance abuse, or co-occurring disorders.
- These cases require intensive treatment, supervision, and Care Coordination to support and manage their behavioral health needs. Every family receives a Mental Health Coordinator and is assigned to an Evidence Based Program (EBP).



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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

- Youth will progress through the program and be stepped down according to meeting program criteria, and meeting case plan goals.
- Youth will be successfully discharged upon proceeding through all three phases and having an approved aftercare plan in place.
- Hearings are conducted at 3pm on Mondays.



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REFERRAL INFORMATION

This is a post-adjudicatory and voluntary program.

- PO will process the referral and youth will be tied to an evidence based practice (MST or ICT).
- PO obtains permission from the current jurist prior to the Phoenix Court admission.



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REFERRAL INFORMATION

- PO will need to provide a referral , approval from a jurist, OYAS, and a recent assessment with diagnosis before admission to the program.
- Phoenix Court Team will interview the family to ensure they have a clear understanding of all program expectations.
- The case will be transferred pending judicial approval if the youth is accepted.

