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Justice Wilder Helps to Launch Eastern U.P. Regional Mental Health Court

- Who:** Justice Kurtis T. Wilder, Michigan Supreme Court
Honorable Mark E. Luoma, 93rd District Court
Honorable Eric Blubaugh, 91st District Court
- What:** Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Mental Health Court Launch
- When:** October 2, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.
- Where:** 93rd Judicial District Court, 300 Walnut Street, Manistique, MI 49854
- Why:** The Eastern Upper Peninsula opens a Regional Mental Health Court comprised of the district and circuit courts in five Eastern U.P. Counties (Alger, Schoolcraft, Luce, Mackinac, and Chippewa). The Court will serve as a specialty court designed to help criminal defendants meet their mental health treatment needs as part of their sentence.

Mental health courts make communities statewide safer and stronger as participants can access treatment and other support needed to address underlying cause. These courts take a team approach that brings community stakeholders together to reach a “win-win” outcome. Mental health court graduates are almost two times less likely to commit another offense within two years.

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