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Mental Health Courts Statewide Receive More Than \$5.1 Million in Grants Michigan Is a National Leader in Regionalizing These Courts to Increase Access to Services

MANISTIQUE, MI, October 2, 2017 – Michigan Supreme Court Justice Kurtis T. Wilder announced today that more than \$5.1 million has been awarded to 32 mental health court programs statewide. Justice Wilder made the announcement at the kick-off of the Eastern Upper Peninsula Mental Health Court (EUPMHC) in Manistique. This new regional court will provide services to residents in Alger, Chippewa, Luce, Mackinac, and Schoolcraft counties and include the district and circuit courts in the region.

Instead of costly incarceration, mental health courts partner with local community mental health agencies to divert participants from costly incarceration into court-supervised treatment. Extensive follow-up analysis shows that participants in these courts are far less likely to reoffend. The number of mental health courts statewide has grown from nine in 2013 to 33 today.

“From my own experience as a trial court judge, I know that jail doesn’t solve a mental health problem, treatment does, so I commend all the local partners who have worked so hard to launch this court,” said Justice Wilder. “Funding for these programs all across Michigan will allow them to continue to save lives, save money, strengthen families, and build stronger communities.”

The most recent MSC Problem-Solving Court Report, “[Solving Problems, Saving Lives](#),” shows that:

- Graduates of Michigan mental health courts are almost two times less likely to commit another offense after two years.
- Ninety-seven percent of mental health court graduates improved their mental health and their quality of life.
- Unemployment among graduates was reduced by more than two-thirds – from 73 percent at admission to the program to 22 percent at discharge.

Four of the courts that received grants are regional courts like EUPMHC that provide services either in several counties or in several courts in more urban counties, crossing jurisdictional lines to provide treatment services to offenders under strict court supervision. Regionalizing these courts increases access and improves efficiency. In 2015, Michigan became only the second state in the nation to establish regionalized mental health courts.

Performance of problem-solving courts is tracked as part of a broader performance measures initiative to monitor court performance statewide. Data collected is used to identify and share best practices and to target areas that need improvement. More information is available at www.courts.mi.gov/performance.

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Editor’s Note: A list of mental health courts statewide is attached. Please contact your local courts for more information about specific local programs. Contact information is available in the [Trial Court Directory](#).

Court	Type	Status	County	City
10th District Court	Adult Mental Health Court	Operational	Calhoun	Battle Creek
12th District Court	Adult Mental Health Court	Operational	Jackson	Jackson
13th Circuit Court	Juvenile Mental Health Court	Operational	Grand Traverse	Traverse City
14th Circuit Court	Juvenile Mental Health Court	Operational	Muskegon	Muskegon
15th District Court	Adult Mental Health Court	Operational	Washtenaw	Ann Arbor
16th Circuit Court	Adult Mental Health Court	Operational	Macomb	Mt. Clemens
17th Circuit Court	Adult Mental Health Court	Operational	Kent	Grand Rapids
1st District Court	Adult Mental Health Court	Operational	Monroe	Monroe
29th District Court	Adult Mental Health Court	Operational	Wayne	Wayne
2A District Court	Adult Mental Health Court	Operational	Lenawee	Hillsdale
			Berrien	
2nd Circuit Court	Adult Mental Health Court	Operational	Cass	St. Joseph
30th Circuit Court	Adult Mental Health Court	Operational	Ingham	Lansing
36th Circuit Court	Adult Mental Health Court	Operational	Van Buren	Paw Paw
36th Circuit Court	Juvenile Mental Health Court	Operational	Van Buren	Paw Paw
3rd Circuit Court	Adult Mental Health Court	Operational	Wayne	Detroit
3rd Circuit Court	Juvenile Mental Health Court	Operational	Wayne	Detroit
45th District Court	Adult Mental Health Court	Operational	Oakland	Oak Park
53rd District Court	Adult Mental Health Court	Operational	Livingston	Howell
54th Circuit Court	Adult Mental Health Court	Planning	Tuscola	
55th District Court	Adult Mental Health Court	Operational	Ingham	Mason
57th District Court	Adult Mental Health Court	Operational	Allegan	Allegan
58th District Court	Adult Mental Health Court	Operational	Ottawa	Holland
60th District Court	Adult Mental Health Court	Operational	Muskegon	Muskegon
			Gratiot	Ithaca
			Clinton	St. Johns
			Ionia	Ionia
65B District Court	Adult Mental Health Court	Operational	Montcalm	Stanton
6th Circuit Court	Adult Mental Health Court	Operational	Oakland	Pontiac
70th District Court	Adult Mental Health Court	Operational	Saginaw	Saginaw
71A District Court	Adult Mental Health Court	Operational	Lapeer	Lapeer
72nd District Court	Adult Mental Health Court	Operational	St. Clair	Port Huron
7th Circuit Court	Adult Mental Health Court	Operational	Genesee	Flint
7th Circuit Court	Juvenile Mental Health Court	Operational	Genesee	Flint
8th District Court	Adult Mental Health Court	Operational	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo
9th Circuit Court	Juvenile Mental Health Court	Operational	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo
			Schoolcraft	
			Mackinac	
			Alger	
			Luce	
93rd District Court	Adult Mental Health Court	Operational	Chippewa	Manistique