

Overview

What is the Recovery with Justice Program? (RWJ)

The Recovery with Justice Program (RWJ) is a specialized court session that helps defendants maintain stability, achieve recovery and avoid incarceration by providing intensive social services and mental health treatment.

When and where is the Program held?

The court session is held every Tuesday morning at 11:00 a.m. in the second session of the West Roxbury Court.

HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

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West Roxbury Division**
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Monday – Friday
Public Transit: MBTA Bus or Orange Line
to Forest Hills

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Mental Health Session

West Roxbury Division of the Boston Municipal Court



RECOVERY WITH JUSTICE: MENTAL HEALTH SESSIONS IN THE MASSACHUSETTS TRIAL COURT

Who is eligible to participate in the Program?

Participants must suffer from a major mental illness.

A defendant must agree to participate after consulting with their attorney.

If pre-trial probation is recommended, the District Attorney must approve.

A defendant's prior convictions and pending violent felonies will not be an automatic bar for participation, but will be considered for eligibility.

What are the procedures to enter the Program?

During pending criminal cases, any interested party may request that a criminal case be transferred to the Program.

A referral request form needs to be filled out and submitted to a judge sitting in any session.

A judge, working with probation, assigns the case to a Monday or Tuesday morning for an intake or assessment with Ms. Janelle Hickey, the mental health social worker from BEST at Boston Medical Center.

The defendant will be given an appointment

card and must report to the probation department to meet with Ms. Hickey on the assigned date.

The court will continue the case to a Tuesday morning for review in the RWJ session.

If eligible, the case will be reviewed in the RWJ session and all parties will be heard regarding terms and final acceptance.

The defendant will sign a written contract and receive a handbook to assist in understanding and compliance.

The Trial Court also has helpful information online: visit www.mass.gov/courts