



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS & PROBATION

Service Interpretive Guidelines **Psychiatric Evaluation**

SERVICE DEFINITION:

Psychiatric evaluation consists of a biopsychosocial evaluation of the youth's psychiatric symptoms in context of family, education, community and culture. This evaluation may occur at the onset of treatment or later in treatment depending on the diagnosis and treatment recommendations. It is provided by a licensed professional, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), Physician Assistant (PA), or Psychiatrist, who will assess the youth's presenting psychiatric conditions and symptoms, medical status, medication needs and/or substance use status. The evaluation will include the chief complaint, history of present illness/psychiatric needs, review of pertinent systems of care, and a biopsychosocial assessment.

TARGET POPULATION:

Youth identified through screenings/risk assessments to have a need for further evaluation due to any unmet psychiatric health needs that cannot be determined by a psychological or mental health evaluation. This service would assist a youth in the following:

- If the youth is not stabilized in their current treatment due to impairments in emotional, cognitive, physical and or behavioral functioning
- Determine a diagnosis and clinical recommendations for psychotherapeutic medication

This service would typically assist in addressing youth with high risk and/or need in Substance Use (SU), Personality/Behavior/Attitudes /Orientation and/or Peer Relations.

PROBATION/PROBLEM SOLVING COURT OFFICER (OFFICER) RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Officer will make a referral for a psychiatric evaluation based on if the youth's psychiatric symptoms are impeding the successful completing of probation.
- Officer shall work with the youth/family to determine a Registered Service Provider (RSP) to conduct the evaluation.
- Officer will communicate **verbally** with the provider regarding all collateral information to assist with the completion of the evaluation.
- Officer will obtain court approval as needed.
- Officer will review the evaluation to determine if all the components are discussed; description of present problems and symptoms, information about health, illness, and treatment (physical

and psychiatric), current medications, parent and family health and psychiatric histories, information related to youth's development, school/friend, family relationships and an interview of youth, parents/caregiver and any needed lab work blood tests, x-rays and special assessments.

- Officer will communicate with the provider regarding the **psychiatric** recommendations and the integration of recommendations to the court. This discussion must be incorporated into a report to the court.
- Officer will utilize the provider recommendations to assist in developing the individualized success plan.
- Officer will complete engagements outlining information related to the evaluation.