

# The Superior Court of Santa Cruz Collaborative Courts



## Information Sheet

### BHC

**Behavioral Health Court** offers: Comprehensive support with a strong focus on treatment, recovery, and community reintegration. to ensure participants receive the services and supervision they need to succeed.

#### **Eligibility Criteria for BHC:**

- Eligible for Santa Cruz County Medi-Cal
- On Formal Probation with Mental Health Terms
- Diagnosed with significant and persistent mental illness
- Significant impairment in functioning because of mental health
- Under MOST Team Probation Supervision or assigned to Specified Formal Mental Health Probation Caseload
- Amenable to participation in BHC

### Team Members:

#### **BHC Team:**

The Collaborative Courts, County Behavioral Health, and Probation.

**Primary Court Staff:**  
Shanee Martin

### ISC

**Intensive Support Court** offers: Assistance to individuals with significant mental health and/or substance use issues who are **not** connected to the MOST team, providing integrated support to help them achieve their treatment goals.

#### **Eligibility Criteria for ISC:**

- Individuals who are granted Mental Health Diversion
- Those living with mental health and/or substance use issues that are negatively impacting their lives
- Individuals who have a significant need for case management, a past criminal history, and are at risk of reoffending

### **Intensive Support Court Team:**

The Collaborative Courts, pre-trial/probation, and community partners.

**Primary Court Staff:**  
Sarah Scott

### VC

**Veterans Court** offers: VC connects participants with treatment and support services to improve their quality of life. Each participant receives individualized treatment plans and a peer advocate.

#### **Veterans Court Eligibility Criteria :**

- Served in the U.S. Military, regardless of length of service, combat experience, or characterization of discharge
- Struggles with a diagnosis of PTSD, Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Military Sexual Trauma (MST), substance use, or other mental health symptoms directly related to military service
- Able to participate in VC and voluntarily agree to all conditions, including treatment for their qualifying conditions

### **Veterans Court Team:**

The Collaborative Courts, pre-trial/probation, Veterans Justice Outreach Program, County Veteran Services, and their volunteer peers.

**Primary Court Staff:**  
Shanee Martin

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### FPC

**Family Preservation Court Offers:** aims to preserve and reunify families by addressing issues leading to court involvement and providing access to necessary treatments and services. The to provide wraparound care and support.

**Eligibility Criteria for FPC:**

- *An open dependency case or a Non-Minor Dependent*
- *Struggles with substance use disorder*
- *Voluntarily willing to participate in FPC*

### Team Members:

**Family Preservation Court team:**

Collaborative Court, The Parents Center, Leaps and Bounds, Family and Children Services, County Behavioral Health Substance Use Disorder Services, Sobriety Works, and Parent Mentors

**Primary Court Staff:**  
*Shanee Martin*