

The Superior Court of Santa Cruz Collaborative Courts



Information Sheet

Team Members:

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

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, CAFES, 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, CAFES, Veterans Justice Outreach Program, County Veteran Services, and their volunteer peers.

Primary Court Staff:
Shanee Martin

The Superior Court of Santa Cruz Collaborative Courts



Information Sheet

Team Members:

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*

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

Collaborative Courts Contractors:

CC

Court Clinician: The court clinician is a County Behavioral Health employee who provides Mental Health and Veterans Court Evaluations. The court clinician provides screenings and recommendations as to whether in-custody defendants qualify for mental health treatment services as necessary and makes referrals to relevant services. This may also include a SUDS assessment. The court clinician also conducts out-of-custody assessments for Veterans Court referrals to help determine eligibility based upon service-related mental health or SUDs diagnoses.

County Behavioral Health

Primary Court staff:
Lawrence Woods

CAFES

CAFES Liaison: The CAFES Liaison is a representative of Goodwill, in collaboration with probation. The CAFES Liaison helps support the courts by connecting participants to funding for residential SUD treatment programs, sober living environments, non-county mental health services, case management, parenting classes, housing support, re-entry services, food assistance, family services, and basic needs. They meet with clients and referring parties to help coordinate services and assist with intake paperwork.

CAFES

Primary Court staff:
Cassandra Nieves