Court Ordered Psychological Services



Behavioral Health Services works closely with the courts in Fort Bend County and can provide evaluation services to adults, juveniles and young children. The department has three licensed doctorallevel psychologists and one master's level psychological associate available to complete psychological and forensic assessments requested or ordered by the court which include:

- Psychological and diagnostic evaluations
- Competency to stand trial/fitness to proceed evaluations
- Intellectual disability evaluations
- Parent-child relationship evaluations
- Behavioral assessments for young children

Infant Toddler Court (ITC)



The Infant Toddler Court, under the leadership of Judge Pope, 328th District Court, works collaboratively with various partners to:

- Keep infants and toddlers safe
- Heal trauma
- Preserve and support families where possible
- Divert children from further involvement in the child welfare or criminal justice system

Behavioral Health Services supports ITC by providing:

- Training and resources
- Psychological services as needed by the court
- Parent-child relationship assessments
- Enhanced visitation practices
- Keeping Infants and Toddlers Safe (KITS) annual conference



The child parent relationship is core to a child's development

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Criminal Justice & Behavioral Health Programs



Recovery and Reintegration

The Recovery and Reintegration program assists with the recovery and reintegration of adult clients with complex behavioral health needs such as chronic mental illness, substance abuse, intellectual development disabilities (IDD) and/or physical health needs who are at high risk of recidivism with the criminal justice system.

The program helps the client develop and sustain a system to support reintegration into the community, stability in their living environment, and improved functioning. Reintegration services may include community based supports, specialized therapies, skill development and intensive case management services.



S.O.U.R.C.E.

S.O.U.R.C.E. (Successful Outcomes Utilizing Resiliency for Child Empowerment) is a juvenile diversion program for youth ages 11-17 with mental illness and their families in an effort to divert from involvement in the Juvenile Justice system. The goal of the SOURCE program is to assist, empower and provide positive alternatives to adolescents and families with behavioral health needs. The program serves youth with mental illness, Intellectual Developmental Disabilities (IDD), substance abuse and/or physical health needs. Our goal is to work collaboratively with families to reduce risks, build on strengths, and support the youth of Fort Bend County.

The program offers individualized and flexible services to assist youth and families and connect them with their community. Services may include family and youth intervention, care coordination, advocacy and education, community based supports, specialized therapies, skill development, wraparound services and follow-up services.



Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)

The **Crisis Intervention Team** is a specialized unit formed within the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office that assists in helping individuals suffering from mental illness. The objective of the team is to work with the mental health provider network by assisting mental health consumers in crisis in reaching the appropriate care and by diverting these individuals away from incarceration or emergency rooms when possible. The CIT also provides follow-up checks when necessary to prevent further crisis and assist in recovery.

CIT utilizes specialized training and protocols to assist in these goals and is involved in training other first responders within the community in the recognition of mental illness. Behavioral Health Services supports CIT by providing training and resources, administrative and clinical support as well as tracking of outcomes.

Use the following numbers to contact CIT:

- In case of an emergency, call 911
- To schedule a home visit or follow-up services call 281-341-8540