



OKLAHOMA Mental Health Courts

Mental health court programs provide eligible offenders the opportunity to participate in a highly structure, court supervised treatment program in lieu of incarceration.

Fact Sheet

Justification

- Oklahoma consistently has one of the nations highest percentages of persons with mental illness (National Survey on Drug Use & Health)

- The Department of Corrections indicates that 55% (14,625) of all offenders have a mental health need.



- 55% of inmates diagnosed with a mental illness were incarcerated for non-violent offenses



- The Oklahoma County Jail has as many as 400 persons with a mental illness at any one time.



- The Tulsa County Jail has 500-600 inmates that are on some form of psychotropic drug.

