

## **Clatsop County Treatment Court REFERRAL PROCESS**

Cases may be **referred** by several sources:

- Court
- Jail/Probation/Corrections Staff
- Law Enforcement
- District Attorney's Office
- Defense Attorney
- Treatment Provider
- Defendant's Self-referral
- Family or Community Members

### **Referral/Approval process:**

- a. Referral by any source. Team will consider all referrals and determine suitability for program pursuant to program guidelines and on a case-by-case basis.
- b. If a criminal case is pending, the Treatment Court Team will notify the District Attorney's Office and Defense Counsel, if any, of tentative approval for placement into Treatment Court.
- c. Upon receipt of the notice of tentative approval for Treatment Court for a Defendant in custody, the provider designated by the Treatment Court Team will conduct an interview and screening with Defendant within five (5) days or sooner as resources allow. The Treatment Court Team will convene as soon as practicable to determine the appropriateness of Defendant's entry into Treatment Court.
- d. Upon receipt of the notice of tentative approval for Treatment Court for a Defendant out of custody, the Defense Attorney or the Defendant will contact the provider designated by the Treatment Court Team within five (5) days to schedule an appointment for an interview and screening. Treatment Court Team will convene as soon as practicable to determine the appropriateness of Defendant's entry into Treatment Court.
- e. Once approved, Defendant may be requested to review and file a "Petition to Enter Treatment Court." The Court will review the Petition and prepare an Order directing Defendant's participation into the Treatment Court. The Court may modify the conditions of any release agreement, pre-adjudication order, sentence order or post-adjudication order to require Defendant's participation into the Treatment Court. Other Defendants may be directed by their probation or post-prison supervisor to attend Treatment Court.
- f. The District Attorney, Defense Attorney or Defendant reserves the right to file any objection prior to Defendant's entry into Treatment Court.
- g. The Court will have the final approval authority for any Treatment Court candidate.