



SAN FRANCISCO COLLABORATIVE COURTS

The San Francisco Collaborative Courts (SFCC) work with individuals and families in the criminal justice, juvenile delinquency, and child welfare systems who are challenged by substance abuse, mental illness and other social welfare concerns. Our programs aim to improve individual and family outcomes, minimize incarceration, reduce criminal recidivism and improve public safety. Judicial leadership plays a significant role in motivating participant compliance. Collaborative Courts adhere to principles that combine the values of treatment and rehabilitation with a focus on accountability and public safety.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Behavioral Health Court (BHC) addresses the complex needs of mentally ill defendants, including those with co-occurring substance use disorders. An individualized treatment plan is developed which includes psychiatric rehabilitation services, medication management, supportive living, substance abuse treatment, supported employment, and case management services. Staff: Judge Harry Dorfman, Lisa Lightman

Community Justice Center (CJC) is a Court and Service Center for the Tenderloin, Civic Center, and SOMA neighborhoods. The CJC accesses defendants for substance abuse, mental health, and primary care because staff is available in the same building as the court. In partnership with the Department of Public Health (DPH), services at the CJC are available for all residents who live in the CJC area. Staff: Judge Michael Begert, Allyson West

Drug Court (DC) provides an intensive supervision case management program for non-violent offenders with substantial substance abuse problems. When a participant successfully completes Drug Court (10-24 months), probation is terminated or charges may be dismissed. Drug Court has its own treatment clinic and is supported by state funding through DPH. Staff: Judge Michael Begert, Lisa Lightman

Intensive Supervision Court (ISC) is a voluntary court-based probation supervision program spearheaded by the Adult Probation Department. The target population is high-risk, high-need probationers who are facing a state prison commitment as a result of probation violations. Staff: Judge Loretta Giorgi, Lisa Lightman

Parole Revocation Court (PRC) is a collaborative team that supports the delivery of social services to up to 10-12 parolees who have a Petition to Revoke Parole. If a client is unable to fulfill his or her treatment obligations and is not adhering to the treatment plan, the client will be subject to additional remedial sanctions, a possible new parole violation or termination from PRC. This program is supported by a grant from the Judicial Council of California. Staff: Judge Stephen Murphy, Lisa Lightman

Veterans Justice Court (VJC) addresses the issues confronting military service veterans: substance abuse, mental health disabilities (including post-traumatic stress disorder), homelessness and unemployment. In partnership with the Veterans Administration and other agencies, VJC provides treatment, counseling, social service support and academic and vocational skill training. Staff: Judge Michael Begert, Allyson West

Young Adult Court (YAC) was established in summer 2015 for eligible young adults, ages 18-24. The court strives to align opportunities for accountability and transformation with the unique needs and developmental stage of this age group and includes a range of cases types. Staff: Judge Bruce Chan, Lisa Lightman

FAMILY AND JUVENILE PROGRAMS

Family Treatment Court (FTC) is a court-supervised treatment and parenting program for families involved in the juvenile dependency system. Program partners include DPH, Human Services Agency, City Attorney's Office, Juvenile Dependency Panel, Homeless Prenatal Program, and Hamilton Family Services. FTC aims to increase the rate of family reunification, reduce time children spend in foster care, and reduce the rate of re-entry into foster care after reunification. Participating families receive frequent court monitoring, coordinated treatment planning, substance use and mental health treatment, and priority housing referrals.

Staff: Judge Kathleen Kelly, Jennifer Pasinosky

Collaborative Wellness Programs at the Juvenile Justice Center

Juvenile Reentry Court (JRC) provides comprehensive reentry case planning and aftercare services for youth returning to the community from long term commitments. The court works with the Juvenile Collaborative Reentry Unit (JCRU), a team comprised of staff from the San Francisco Juvenile Probation Department, the Public Defender's Office, and the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice (CJCJ). **Girls Court** operates once per month to provide gender specific services for young women in JRC.

Staff: Judge Roger Chan and Judge Monica F. Wiley

Juvenile Wellness Court (JWC) addresses the specialized treatment and service needs of juvenile justice-involved youth who suffer from mental health disorders. The Wellness Court team includes representatives from the Superior Court, Public Defender, District Attorney, Community Behavioral Health Services, Juvenile Probation, and Seneca Center. Staff: Judge Roger Chan

Truancy Court is a specialty calendar aimed at reducing the rate of truancy in school. Rather than charging minors for a status offense in the juvenile delinquency system, the parents of the truants are charged with an infraction for a first offense. Repeat offenders can be charged with a misdemeanor. The goal of the calendar is to refer parents to programs that address their own problems to keep their children on track. The calendar is a partnership among the Superior Court, District Attorney, Human Services Agency and the San Francisco Unified School District.

Staff: Judge Monica Wiley

Youth Family Violence Court (YFVC) is for youth between the ages of 14-18 who are brought before the court for violent conduct directed at a family member or in the context of a dating or intimate relationship. The mission of YFVC is to prevent continued violence and to enable youth to participate in positive family and intimate relationships that are free of physical and emotional violence. Services for youth and families include: court supervision and appearances, violence intervention programs, mental health services, parenting services and child trauma services.

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