

Why MHC?

The MHC is a unique probation opportunity that grants participants a chance at gaining control of their life.

The collaborative team approach helps the court make appropriate decisions related to your case and can connect you with community resources. In short, we are here to help you help yourself.

Over the course of three phases (12-24 months) the MHC team will work with you and support you in your journey on the road to success.

Contacts

Berrien County Trial Court

Berrien Courthouse 811 Port Street Saint Joseph, MI 49085 269-983-7111	Berrien County—Niles 1205 Front Street Niles, MI 49120 269-684-5274
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MHC Coordinator: 269-934-3376
Felony Probation: 269-983-7111 ext. 8251
Misdemeanor Probation: 269-983-7111 ext. 8606

Riverwood Center Services

Riverwood Center P.O. box 547 Benton Harbor, MI 49023	Main: 269-925-0585 Niles: 269-684-4270 Fax: 269-927-6063
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MHC Coordinator: 269-934-4084
24 Hour Crisis Line: 1-800-336-0341



The MHC Team

Berrien County Mental Health Court

Participant Guide



MHC Program Phases

Note: There are more requirements in each phase than what is listed. These are a few examples.

Phase 1:

- Minimum 90 days, with 30 consecutive days drug and alcohol free prior to promotion.
- Achieve 100% attendance for any required appointments.
- Attend all scheduled court review sessions. (twice a month)

Phase 2:

- Minimum 180 days, with 90 consecutive days drug and alcohol free prior to promotion.
- Achieve 100% attendance for any required appointments.
- Remain crime free and actively follow and cooperate with all MHC program rules.

Phase 3:

- Minimum 90 days, with 180 consecutive days drug and alcohol free prior to graduation.
- Achieve 100% attendance for any required appointments.
- Attend scheduled court review sessions upon request, while continuing to follow and cooperate with all MHC program rules, including achieving goals in your treatment plan.

The MHC Team

- MHC Judge
- Probation Officers
- Team Coordinator
- Riverwood Staff
- Community Treatment Provider
- Prosecutor
- Public Defender
- Case Manager
- Specialty Court Manager
- Sherriff Department Liaison

Expectations:

You must take all prescribed medication, attend all court dates and appointments, submit to drug/alcohol testing, remain crime free, and regularly report to your P.O. or case manager.



“Even the longest journey begins with a small step.”



Incentives/Sanctions

Incentives:

Incentives are used to encourage positive behavior.

- Recognized on the “All Star” board
- Receive gift cards
- Lessening Curfew
- Travel Privileges
- Graduation

Sanctions:

Sanctions are used to discourage negative behavior.

- Verbal reprimand
- Curfew
- Community service
- Jail
- Restarting a phase