

HOPE COURT

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Our Partners

Akron Police Department
Community Support Services
Local Defense Counsel
National Alliance on Mental Illness
Oriana House, Incorporated
Portage Path Behavioral Health
Summit County ADM Board
Summit County Common Pleas Court
Summit County Probation Department
Summit County Prosecutor's Office
Summit County Sheriff's Office
Summit Psychological Associates



Program Goals:

- ▶ Improve life stability
- ▶ Reduce criminal recidivism
- ▶ Increase compliance with court orders
- ▶ Reduce hospitalization, ER visits
- ▶ Reduce jail visits and arrests
- ▶ Provide access to services
- ▶ Improve satisfaction with court process



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Judge Alison Breaux
Summit County Common Pleas Court

About HOPE Court

This community wide collaborative effort is coordinated among local agencies, treatment providers and the legal community to provide participants with an approach to mental health treatment aimed at reduced recidivism, increased stability and overall success in the community.

HOPE Court is a specialized court for individuals who have been diagnosed with a severe and persistent mental illness which has led to involvement in the criminal justice system. The goal of the HOPE Court is to develop a strong mental health recovery plan while learning the skills to be an active and successful person in the community.

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Expectations

In order to stay in the HOPE Court Program, participants must follow certain rules:

- Sign releases for information
- Do not use any drugs or alcohol
- Take medication/s as prescribed
- Stay in contact with Treatment Team
- Appear for scheduled court hearings
- Attend meetings, therapy, counseling
- Do not leave the State of Ohio
- Follow Treatment Plan
- Submit drug screens

Who is eligible?

Eligibility is evaluated by the HOPE Court Staff on a case-by-case basis after certain criteria are met:

Legal: felony of the 3rd, 4th or 5th degree and resident of Summit County

Clinical: diagnosis of serious and persistent mental illness

What does it cost?

There is no cost for participation in the HOPE Court; however court costs, supervision fees and restitution may apply.

Treatment Team

While in the program, a Treatment Team of care providers, court staff and case managers will help participants to achieve success.

Program Phases

The Program consists of four phases which participants will move through as they progress.

PROGRAM PHASES

Phase I: Orientation - assessment and acceptance into the program.

Phase II: Treatment - establish and begin working on treatment plan.

Phase III: Re-Integration - continue with treatment plan and start working on stabilizing self in community.

Phase IV: Maintenance - establish self stability and begin process of graduation