

TREATMENT AND SUPPORT COURT (TASC) REFERRAL FORM

T.A.S.C is a specialized court docket for certain defendants with mental illnesses, including those with a co-occurring substance use disorder, that substitutes a problem-solving model for traditional court processing. See reverse side for more information.

Defendants with a past or current CSC, violent crime causing death or serious bodily harm by statute, may not be eligible for participation. **TASC is appropriate for the following defendants:**

- 1.) **HIGH RISK OF REOFFENDING.** If mental health and co-occurring substance use disorder needs are not met, the individual will likely remain in the court system.
- 2.) **LOW RISK OF DANGER/HARM** to themselves, others, or the community.
- 3.) **HIGH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS.** Individual has a diagnosed Serious Mental Illness. Defendants who have a co-occurring Substance Use Disorder are also appropriate for consideration.

SECTION I INITIATE REFERRAL To be completed by the individual initiating a referral to TASC.

DEFENDANT INFORMATION

First Name: Click or tap here to enter text.	Last Name: Click or tap here to enter text.
Case Number:	SSN # Click or tap here to enter text.
Gender: Click or tap here to enter text.	Birth Date: Click or tap here to enter text.
Resident of Kent? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Charge(s) pending from another county? If yes, list charge (s) and county:
Currently supervised by Court Services?	Case Manager:
Address: (address, city, state, zip) Click or tap here to enter text.	
E-mail: Click or tap here to enter text.	Phone Number:
Legal Status <input type="checkbox"/> Incarcerated (location) Click or tap here to enter text. <input type="checkbox"/> On Bond <input type="checkbox"/> On Probation	
<input type="checkbox"/> On Parole Identify county if other than Kent: Click or tap here to enter text.	
Assigned Judge: Click or tap here to enter text.	

REFERRAL INFORMATION

Name: Click or tap here to enter text.	Position: Click or tap here to enter text.
Office: Click or tap here to enter text.	Date of Referral:
Phone Number: Click or tap here to enter text.	E-Mail: Click or tap here to enter text.

STOP and send referral to teri.clark@kentcountymi.gov. if you do not receive a response related to your client's legal eligibility in 10 days of submitting this referral, please contact Teri for an update.

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WHAT is TASC?

- TASC is a specialty court to improve the response of individuals with a co-occurring substance use disorder and mental illness who because of their illness and addiction have come into contact with the criminal justice system.
- TASC is a team based program. The team is led by the Honorable J. Joseph Rossi and consists of a Court Coordinator, both a Prosecuting and Defense attorney, a Probation Officer, 2 Clinical Liaisons, a Network of Treatment Providers, a Recovery Coach, and Circuit Court Personnel. The team works together for the common goal of helping participants improve their mental health and general well-being, promote self-sufficiency, and reduce/eliminate criminal behaviors.

WHY have a mental health court in Kent County?

To reduce the incarceration of individuals with mental illness and substance use disorders and to reduce the likelihood that they will commit future crimes.

HOW does it work?

- Intense court supervision (monthly court reviews, increased meetings with probation officer, meeting with TASC Clinical Liaison) to insure requirements and conditions are adhered to.
- Weekly alcohol and drug testing for the duration of the program is required.
- Linking participants to local substance use and mental health providers. Participation in treatment throughout the duration of the program is required.
- Case Management to coordinate care across multiple systems.
- The program can be completed in as little as 15.5 months but the pace is set by the participant and may take up to 36 months to complete.

WHO is the target population?

Participants voluntarily choose to participate and meet both legal and substance use and/or mental health eligibility criteria:

Legal eligibility is a discretionary matter and determined on a case by case basis by the Kent County Prosecutor's Office. Participation depends on their current charges and prior criminal history. However, defendants with a past or current CSC, or violent crime that resulted in death or serious bodily harm by statute, are NOT by law eligible to participate.

Substance Use Disorder is characterized by an array of mental, physical, and behavioral symptoms that cause problems related to loss of control, strain to one's interpersonal life, hazardous use, tolerance and withdrawal.

Serious Mental Illness is defined through a mental health diagnosis and is chronic, disabling, and requires ongoing treatment to improve a person's ability to function.

WHEN and WHERE?

Referring to the TASC Coordinator (teri.clark@kentcountymi.gov) as early as possible yields the greatest outcomes for your client. Completing Section I initiates a referral.