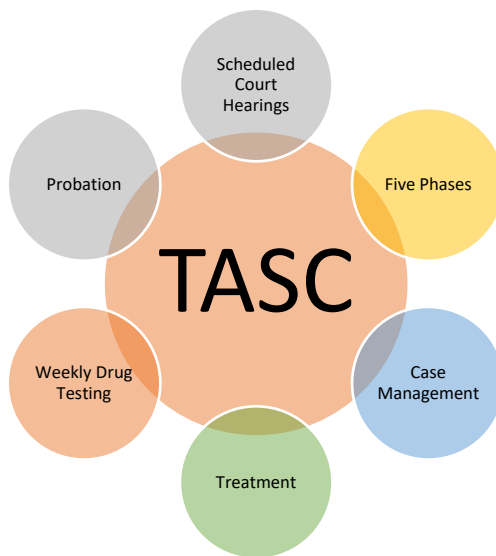




TREATMENT AND SUPPORT COURT (TASC)

- TASC is a **SPECIALTY COURT** to improve the functioning of individuals with a serious mental illness, or with a moderate illness who also have a co-occurring substance use disorder, who because of their mental illness and substance use have come into contact with the criminal justice system.
- TASC is a **TEAM BASED** court approach. The team is led by the Honorable J. Joseph Rossi and consists of a Court Coordinator, both a Prosecuting and Defense Attorney, Probation, 2 Clinical Liaisons, a Network of Treatment Providers, and a Peer Recovery Coach. 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 future engagement with law enforcement.

WHOLISTIC APPROACH



TARGET POPULATION

Must meet legal and MH eligibility criteria. May also have a co-occurring substance use disorder. This specialty court is designed for people who have a high amount of need and who are unlikely to succeed if engaged in the traditional probation model.

Legal eligibility Is determined on a case by case basis by the Kent County Prosecutor’s Office. Current charges and prior criminal history considered. Defendants with a past or current CSC, or violent crime that resulted in death or serious bodily harm are statutorily ineligible.

Mental Health eligibility is determined by a mental health screen administered by the TASC Clinical Liaison. The mental health diagnosis alone, or co-occurring with a substance use disorder, seriously impacts a person’s ability to function across multiple domains.

HOW TO REFER

The submission of the completed TASC Referral Form (found on the Access Kent link below) will initiate a referral. Send referral to teri.clark@kentcountymi.gov

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT TASC

<https://www.accesskent.com/Courts/17thcc/tasc.htm>

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