



# 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 use disorders, 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 Charles Crompton, Kristine King

**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 Murlene Randle, Maria Batres

**Drug Court (DC)** provides an intensive supervision case management program for individuals with substance abuse disorders. 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 Murlene Randle, Maria Batres

**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 Charles Crompton, Yareli Ruiz Montes

**Mental Health Diversion (MHD)** is a statutory pretrial diversion process that aims to increase the diversion of individuals with mental health diagnoses to mitigate their entry into the criminal justice system while protecting public safety. For up to two years, MHD participants follow an individualized treatment plan that meets their specific clinical mental health needs and includes wraparound supports as needed. Staff: Judge Charles Crompton, Sarah Bradach

**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. This program is supported by a grant from the Judicial Council of California. Staff: Judge Linda Colfax

**Veterans Justice Court** (VJC) addresses the issues confronting military service veterans: substance use disorders, mental illness(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 Marlene Randle, Yareli Ruiz Montes

**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 case types. Staff: Judge Eric Fleming, Kristine King

## **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 Daniel Flores, 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

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