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Rosecrance MHJJ Program

The Mental Health Juvenile Justice (MHJJ) Program identifies youth involved in the juvenile detention/justice system who exhibit mental health symptoms that might otherwise have gone unnoticed.

MHJJ is a voluntary six-month program that serves youth ages 8 to 17. MHJJ provides consultation with schools, service providers, detention and probation and develops individual action plans based on the youth's needs and strengths.

MHJJ Eligibility

- Be between the ages of 10 and 17 (or ages 8 to 9 if at risk of juvenile justice involvement).
- Have been involved with the juvenile justice system or are at risk of juvenile justice involvement (station adjustments, diversion program, multiple suspensions/expulsions, substance abuse).
- Exhibit symptoms of **anxiety, depression, psychosis or post-traumatic stress**. Youth do not have to have a current or previous diagnosis to be eligible for referral. Juveniles **who have disruptive behavior disorders** (e.g. conduct disorder) **are excluded** from the MHJJ program **unless** the youth also has another diagnosed mental illness.

MHJJ Liaison Services

- Mental health screening and assessment
- Involvement in the youth court process (attend court, probation visits, detention visits)
- Interacting with and relating to the client and family via home visits and school visits
- Reintegrating the client back into the community based on the youth's strengths

Linkage to community resources:

- Individual or group counseling
- Psychiatric services
- Substance abuse treatment
- Educational services
- Mentoring
- Pro-social activities



The MHJJ Program is funded by the Illinois Department of Human Services/Division of Mental Health. Currently, there are 21 community mental health agencies statewide whose MHJJ liaisons assess and link youth to community-based services for care and monitor their progress in services. Northwestern University provides program evaluation.

To make a referral or for more information, please contact Rosecrance at **815-391-1000** and ask for MHJJ Program.