

# KCMHC

## Admission Criteria

**MENTAL HEALTH COURT (KCMHC)**

**Administrative Office Located:**

Knox County Health Department  
140 Dameron Ave.  
Knoxville, TN 37917



**KNOX COUNTY**

**Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services**

Knox County Mental Health Court is funded under a grant contract with the State of Tennessee, Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

**Court Dockets Located:**

City County Building  
400 Main Street  
General Sessions, Div. I  
Knoxville, TN 37902

**(865) 215-5272 – Main**

**(865) 215-5270 – Fax**

N°	Criteria
1	The referent must be a Knox County resident, unless prior approval is given by the Judge.
2	The referent must be competent.
3	The referent must not have cases/holds in other jurisdictions that would prevent participation in the program.
4	The referent must have a current diagnosis of a severe and persistent mental illness that indicates a possible correlation between the individual's mental health and their criminal justice system involvement.
5	The referent should be able to acknowledge their mental health issues and be willing to participate in a treatment program designed to improve their mental health and coping skills.
6	The referent should be able to benefit from participation in the program and the services available. Referents with intellectual, neurological and/or medical conditions that need services outside the scope of services provided by court case management will not be admitted to the court.
7	The referent cannot have been convicted/charged with any sexual offense, or convicted/charged with an offense, during the course of which there occurred the death of or serious bodily injury to any person.
8	The MHC has the right to decline an applicant due to prior conflict, concerns for safety of staff, concerns for safety of other participants, or concerns about the willingness of the referent to participate in a treatment program.

