

Behavioral Health Resource Connections

This court focuses on individuals charged with petty misdemeanors and misdemeanors. Felony cases and DWI cases are not eligible for this court. Felony charges that have been amended to misdemeanors may be considered. Many people with behavioral health challenges enter the justice system as a result of not addressing their behavioral health condition. These charges are often minor in nature and can likely be avoided in the future if proper treatment is available and accessed by the individual. The purpose of this court is to assess these individuals for their behavioral health needs and connect them to the appropriate providers and services. Individuals in this court will receive services and supports based on their own unique needs and challenges.



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Program Overview

The Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court Behavioral Health Resource Connection Court (BHRC) is designed to change the response to crimes committed by people with mental illness by focusing on community-based services rather than judicial system involvement. Participation in this specialty court is voluntary. It prioritizes behavioral health treatment and access to appropriate community support.



OUR JUDGES

The Honorable Chief Judge Joshua Sanchez regular docket. He is a strong advocate for those experiencing mental health issues within the criminal justice.

OUR TEAM

Our team consists of many individuals and agencies working together to support this population. This includes Judges, District Attorneys, Public Defenders, Private Attorneys, Case Managers, Pre Trial Officers, Program Manager, and Social Workers. In addition, we work closely with MDC discharge planners, UNMH Case Managers and Bernalillo County Re-entry Resource Center.

Our Vision

To provide case management services to those individuals with behavioral health challenges in connecting to treatment and social services, while removing them from the cycle of the court system.

