Mental health court programs provide eligible offenders the opportunity to participate in a highly structure, court supervised treatment program in lieu of incarceration.

Fact Sheet

Justification

- Oklahoma consistently has one of the nation's highest percentages of persons with mental illness (National Survey on Drug Use & Health).

- The Department of Corrections indicates that 55% (14,625) of all offenders have a mental health need.

- 55% of inmates diagnosed with a mental illness were incarcerated for non-violent offenses.

- The Oklahoma County Jail has as many as 400 persons with a mental illness at any one time.

- The Tulsa County Jail has 500-600 inmates that are on some form of psychotropic drug.

- Low incarceration rate among 434 graduates out an average of 3 years.

- Decrease in Unemployment: 42.4%
- Decrease in Arrests: 90.3%
- Decrease in # of Days in Jail: 70.3%
- Decrease in Days in Inpatient: 71.9%