

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, THE BENCH, AND BEYOND

from the Illinois judicial Branch



[Behavioral Health, the Bench, and Beyond: Second edition](#)

It's hard to believe just a few months ago the Illinois Supreme Court's [Mental Health Task Force](#) (Task Force) released the first edition of Behavioral Health, the Bench, and Beyond (BBB) in observation of Mental Health Awareness Month. While Mental Health Awareness Month is celebrated nationally each May, the World Health Organization celebrates "[World Mental Health Day](#)" on October 10th of each year. World Mental Health Day is observed to raise awareness around mental health issues worldwide and mobilize efforts in support of mental health. The day offers an opportunity to educate, create awareness, and advocate against social stigma related to mental health.

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Hotline	Service	Availability
988	Suicide Prevention & Mental Health Crisis Lifeline	Free, confidential and available 24/7/365
911	Medical & Public Safety Emergencies	Free and available 24/7/365
211/311	Resource Support Line (Housing, Food, Etc.)	311 is for Chicago and Cook County 211 is available in select Illinois counties Free and available 24/7/365
1-866-359-7935	Illinois Warm Line	For non-emergency emotional support, recovery education, self-advocacy support and referrals Free and available Mon-Sat, 8am-8pm
Local Mental Health/Substance Use Hotlines	Local Mental Health/Substance Use Hotlines	Non-emergency resource for individuals who need help finding behavioral health services Various hours of operation

[The promise of upstream solutions: 988 and CESSA](#)

"For criminal justice stakeholders, 988 is an important opportunity to shift people in crisis toward appropriate care and ideally minimize contact with law enforcement and the justice system. To fully take advantage of this, however, criminal justice partners need to be aware of what 988 provides and prepare processes to appropriately direct people to 988 prior to contact with law enforcement and through to reentry." (Council of State Governments)

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[Fighting the opioid crisis: New developments](#)

MAR NOW connects callers to immediate treatment for opioid use disorder, including telephonic prescription and home induction on buprenorphine or same-day clinic appointments for methadone, buprenorphine, or naltrexone.

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[Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Pilot Programs](#)

Last year, the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts was awarded a \$550,000 grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance as part of the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHC). The JMHC is a competitive grant program that supports innovative cross-system collaboration for individuals with mental illnesses or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders who encounter the justice system.

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[IDHS/DMH forensic and justice services update](#)

Mental health and justice professionals across the nation have noted that the system managing forensic consumers, both those adjudicated Unfit to Stand Trial (UST) and Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (NGRI), is in crisis.

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[Justice partnerships are a requirement of the CCBHC Model](#)

What are Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs): The Excellence in Mental Health and Addiction Act demonstration established a federal definition and criteria for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs).

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Coming soon

Civil Mental Health Proceedings Training Series

This 6-part training series will include an Introduction to the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code, Orders for Detention and Examination, Petitions/Certification, Involuntary Inpatient/Outpatient Admission, Involuntary Treatment, and Advance Directives through a multidisciplinary lens.

Content contributors and facilitators include members of the Special Supreme Court Advisory Committee for Justice and Mental Health Planning, Illinois Mental Health Task Force, and Various Justice Partners such as the Illinois State Bar Association's Mental Health Law Section, Guardianship and Advocacy Commission, Chicago Bar Foundation, Health and Hospital Professionals, and individuals with lived experience.

Recent 5th Appellate District Decisions re [Leo, M., 2022 IL App \(5th\) 190211](#) and [Harlin, H., 2022 IL App \(5th\) 190108](#) reinforce the focus on continued training.

Uniform Mental Health Orders adopted by the Supreme Court are available on the Supreme Court's website by following this link: [Uniform Mental Health Orders | Office of the Illinois Courts](#)

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