



**Canadian Mental
Health Association**
Oxford County
Mental health for all

Court Support, Court Diversion and Community Treatment Court



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Court Support is available to individuals (16+ years) with a mental health issue who come into contact with the criminal justice system. Staff members assess, assist, and advocate for Mental Health Diversion. They develop service care plans, and provide consultation and support throughout the court process.

Mental Health Court Diversion

People living with a serious mental illness, brain injury or a developmental disability may access alternatives to criminal prosecution.

- Crown Attorney determines whether mental health diversion is appropriate or if the person should be prosecuted for the charge(s)
- Court Support worker develops a treatment plan to divert the individual out of the criminal justice system and back into the mental health system
- Supports are available to reduce the possibility of recidivism

Community Treatment Court (CTC)

CTC is a specialized court with emphasis on treatment and recovery. To receive support, individuals must be willing to plead guilty to their existing charges.

- Holds the accused accountable for the actions while providing effective treatment and/or support in the least restrictive fashion
- The emphasis will be on providing people suffering from mental illness with a venue to address the issues that brought them into conflict with the law.
- Protects both the rights of the public and the accused while at the same time maintains the integrity of the criminal justice system