

Strategic Treatment and Engagement Program
STEP Court
Multnomah Circuit Court

Mission

Increase public safety, reduce recidivism, hold individuals accountable and decrease prison use by tailoring treatment, adaptive habilitation, pro-social habilitation and supervision services to the prognostic risk level and the criminogenic needs of the participant.

Program Details

STEP is a new specialty court program for individuals charged with certain Measure 11 offenses for whom treatment, rather than long-term incarceration, seems the best way to promote durable public safety. STEP eligible charges are Assault I and II, Robbery I and II and Kidnap II. STEP uses the specialty court model to address the behavioral, clinical, and social needs of participants. STEP employs the quadrant system that serves any combination of low or high risk/needs. All quadrants come with expectations and access to the same services. What services individuals are required to complete depends on the assessed risk and need. STEP had its first client enter on January 1, 2022.

Services and Supports Provided

Individuals in STEP have access to a wide range of support and services. How much, depends on the assessed need of the individual. Supports and services include yet not limited to judicial support, culturally responsive behavioral health treatment, housing, peer mentorship, supervision, random and observed urinalysis.

Statistics

- 67 accepted into STEP
- 3 revocations
- 5 warrants outstanding
- Identified race and/or ethnicity stats - 51% white: 49% participants of color
- Outstanding split sentences with upfront DOC time
 - 61% participants of color; 39% white

Team Budget - STEP

2021-2023 CJC Grant funded: \$1,083,052.80

OJD: 1 FTE Court Coordinator

MPD: .75 FTE defense counsel

MDI: .10 FTE defense counsel

Contracts for treatment not covered by OHP, housing, training, travel and program evaluation

Funded by Partner Budgets

DCJ: 2 FTE Probation Officer; 1 FTE Corrections tech

MCDA: 1 FTE Deputy District Attorney; DA Victim advocate

MPD: .25 FTE defense counsel

MDI: .40 FTE defense counsel

OJD .75 FTE Judge, .75 Judicial Clerk, .015 Judicial Assistant