

What is the 5177 Prosecutorial Diversion Program?

The 5177 Diversion Program assists individuals involved with the criminal justice system in being diverted or released from jail and into treatment with community-based behavioral health providers.

5177 allows the prosecutor overseeing a case to approve the defendant for evaluation and treatment of mental health, substance use, or developmental disability services and allows charges to be dismissed after completion of the program.

Who We Are About Us

The 5177 Diversion Program was implemented in Spokane County in 2016 and works with cases in the municipal, district, and superior courts.

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Who is Eligible for the 5177 Diversion Program?



Individuals who have been charged with low-level, non-violent felonies or misdemeanors as well as persons with mental health, or mental health and substance use disorders who may be referred for RCW 10.77 competency services. Interested individuals can be referred by Jail Mental Health staff or their public defender.

How Does the Diversion Program Work?

- Diversion staff provides intensive care coordination and peer support to all participants to ensure success.
- Each participant has an individualized service plan with their provider.
- Diversion staff offers outreach to participants on a weekly basis.

Participants are required to:

- Check in with Diversion staff on a weekly basis.
- Refrain from any substance use other than prescribed medications.
- Attend all court dates.
- Attend all mental health appointments.
- Participants are required to engage with an enrolled mental health provider.
- Additional requirements may be added depending upon individual treatment needs.

Why 5177?

The 5177 Diversion program can assist its participants in accessing mental health and substance use disorder treatment.

Program staff also provides participants with resources for housing, respite, counseling, transportation, employment support, legal support, and peer support services.

