71A District and 40th Circuit Court
Problem-Solving Court Application

Lapeer County has two Problem-Solving Courts (PSC). These are Drug Court and Mental Health Court. This application will be considered for both court programs.

Application Procedure

- Ideally referrals should be submitted after arraignment, and prior to the plea being taken. The referring party is to complete the application packet (three pages) with the defendant.
- At arraignment it should be requested that the Judge set the case out 2-4 weeks to be screened for PSC.
- The screening process includes legal and clinical screenings. If for some reason this process takes longer than the time until the next hearing, the PSC Coordinator will request that the hearing be adjourned to finish processing the application.
- If the defendant is accepted in to one of the Problem-Solving Courts all parties will be scheduled in front of the originating Judge to take the plea. They will then be scheduled before the PSC Judge for sentencing.
- If the defendant is denied for the 71A District or 40th Circuit Problem-Solving Court programs, all parties will be notified and the case will proceed before the originating Judge as previously scheduled.

If you have any questions regarding the application process or the Problem-Solving Court Programs, please contact Nicole Hutchinson at (810) 245-4804 or nhutchinson@lapeercounty.org

RETURN COMPLETED FORMS BY DOING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Deliver to 71-A District Court Probation – Problem Solving Coordinator
- Email: nhutchinson@lapeercounty.org

PLEASE NOTE: Printed/hand delivered applications must be *single-sided*. Incomplete applications or applications submitted to any department other than 71-A District Court Probation Attn: Nicole Hutchinson will not be processed.

Defendant's Name

ELIGIBILTY CHECKLIST

If you cannot check all of the boxes below, the defendant is not eligible and should not be referred for the Problem-Solving Court Programs

- ☐ The defendant is a resident of Lapeer County and a United States citizen.
- ☐ The defendant is at least 18 years of age.
- ☐ The defendant is not currently charged with, or convicted of a crime during which: he/she carried, possessed, or used a firearm or another dangerous weapon; death or serious bodily injury occurred to someone; or, force was used against someone.
- ☐ The defendant does not have any prior conviction of a felony crime of violence involving the use or attempted use of force with the intent to cause death or serious bodily harm.
- ☐ The defendant is not currently charged with/convicted of any crimes related to, or have any prior convictions of criminal sexual conduct.
- ☐ The defendant is willing to be assessed/evaluated for either/or both Substance Use and Mental Health Disorders.
- ☐ The defendant is willing to complete an intensive treatment-based court program, that could last up to 24 months.
- ☐ The defendant is physically able to participate in an intensive treatment-based court program, that could last up to 24 months.

Referred by

Date referred

Title or relationship to defendant

☐ Referral approved by judge.

☐ Referral not approved by judge.

Date

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF LAPEER 71-A DISTRICT COURT 40TH CIRCUIT COURT	LAPEER COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT MENTAL HEALTH COURT ELIGIBILITY SCREENING	Court Case No. (s) - ALL open cases Judge

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN	v	Defendant Defense Counsel

Next Court Date: _____

Address:	DOB:	Age:	Cell Phone:
	Home Phone:		Work Phone:

Candidate is: ☐ Incarcerated ☐ On bond

All 71-A District/40th Circuit Court Current Open Case(s)/Charge(s):	Sentence Guidelines:
Is there a victim in this matter? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Victim's relationship to defendant:

Case(s) pending in other courts (including warrants)?
☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please explain:

OFFENSE HISTORY:

Have you been convicted of criminal sexual conduct? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you now charged with (or in the past convicted of) a crime where you carried, possessed, or used a firearm or another dangerous weapon? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please explain: _____

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Are you now charged with (or in the past convicted of) a crime in which force was used against someone?
☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please explain: _____

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Are you now charged with (or convicted of) a crime during which someone died or suffered serious bodily injury?
☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please explain: _____

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Do you have any prior conviction of a felony crime of violence involving the use or attempted use of force against a person with the intent to cause death or serious bodily harm? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please explain: _____

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RACIAL/ETHNIC BACKGROUND:
Check all that apply:
- ☐ African American
- ☐ Alaskan Native
- ☐ Asian/Pacific Islander
- ☐ Caucasian
- ☐ Hispanic
- ☐ Native American
- ☐ Other

GENDER:
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female

MARITAL STATUS:
- ☐ Single
- ☐ Married
- ☐ Divorced
- ☐ Separated
- ☐ Widowed
- ☐ Other

EDUCATIONAL STATUS
- ☐ No high school degree or GED
- ☐ High school degree or GED
- ☐ Some college/post high school
- ☐ College degree
- ☐ Post college degree

SUBSTANCE ABUSE Number of Years of Participant Drug Use at Time of Program Entry:
- ☐ Less than two years
- ☐ Two – ten years
- ☐ Eleven – fifteen years
- ☐ Sixteen – twenty years
- ☐ Over twenty years
- ☐ N/A

MEDICAL
Do you have any current medical conditions: ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, describe: _____

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If yes, are you able to participate in our program with these conditions? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you have any type of physical limitations? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, what? _____

If yes, are you able to participate in our program with this limitation(s)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you ever been diagnosed with or treated for a serious mental health disorder? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please describe:

_____

Are you taking medication(s)? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, what: _____

MOTIVATION TO CHANGE
Do you acknowledge that you abuse or are dependent on drugs or alcohol? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Are you willing to follow through on a 24-month intensive program, which includes individual and group therapy, substance abuse treatment, drug testing, regular reports to a probation officer, Mental Health Court sessions, education and employment?
☐ Yes ☐ No

TRANSPORTATION
Do you have access to transportation for Court sessions, treatment, and drug testing? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please describe: _____

Do you have a valid driver's license? ☐ Yes ☐ No