

13th Circuit Treatment Court Screening and Eligibility Process

1. Screening ordered

- The screening may be ordered by any Division of the Court. The screening may also be ordered by a Division from a Circuit other than the 13th Judicial Circuit if the defendant is a resident of Boone or Callaway County. For TCII, the screening may be requested by anyone by contacting the Treatment Court Center. No order from the Court is required for a TCII candidate. For TCIII, a screening may be ordered for a defendant living outside of Boone and Callaway County if the defendant lives within the Truman VA catchment.

2. Screening scheduled

- ***It is the responsibility of the defendant and his/her attorney to contact the Treatment Court Center regarding the screening, once it is ordered by the Court.*** The screening shall be completed within one week of the order. The defendant or defendant's attorney shall contact the Treatment Court Center to speak with a Treatment Court Team Member within 48 hours of the referral to Treatment Court. Once the referral is received by the treatment court team, a TC case shall be opened on JIS / Show Me Courts.

3. Screening Process

- Screening will be completed by Treatment Court Team member using the 13th Circuit Eligibility form. The screening may or may not require an interview of the defendant. Once the screening is complete, Treatment Court team will send the eligibility information to the Treatment Court Commissioner. The Treatment Court Commissioner will make an order finding the defendant either eligible or not eligible for Treatment Court. A letter will then be filed in the appropriate Division citing the outcome of defendant's eligibility. If the defendant is not eligible for Treatment Court, the TC case is closed. If the defendant and/or defendant's attorney fails to contact the Treatment Court Center regarding a referral within a week of the order and the treatment court team is otherwise unable to determine eligibility, the case will be closed as ineligible for treatment court.
- If the defendant is seeking entry into TCII, the defendant must complete an additional assessment by the designated mental health provider.
- If the defendant is seeking entry into TCIII, the defendant may need to meet with a Veterans Justice Program Specialist to determine eligibility for VA services.

4. Entry

- If the defendant is ordered to complete Treatment Court, the defendant shall appear at the first available Division XII docket for the appropriate Treatment Court, to be admitted into Treatment Court. At the first appearance in Division XII, the Treatment Court team will collect additional information from the defendant. The Treatment Court team will complete the Treatment Court entry form and the RANT Assessment, in appropriate cases. The defendant must complete the appropriate waiver and release of information forms. The defendant will be provided a Treatment Court participant manual. Information collected at entry will be entered into JIS/Show Me Courts.