



## Therapeutic Court Eligibility Criteria

### General Criteria:

Per RCW 2.30.030 the following individuals are not eligible for therapeutic courts:

- Individuals who are currently charged or who have been previously convicted of a serious violent offense or sex offense as defined in RCW 9.94A.030;
- Individuals who are currently charged with an offense alleging intentional discharge, threat to discharge, or attempt to discharge a firearm in furtherance of the offense;
- Individuals who are currently charged with or who have been previously convicted of vehicular homicide or an equivalent out-of- state offense; or
- Individuals who are currently charged with or who have been previously convicted of: An offense alleging substantial bodily harm or great bodily harm as defined in RCW 9A.04.110, or death of another person.

### To be eligible for Therapeutic Court you must be:

- **Affected by a substance use disorder and/or a serious and persistent mental illness**
- 18 years of age or older
- Legally competent
- Willing to voluntarily participate and commit to the court conditions and treatment plan
- Charged with a crime in Franklin County District Court or Franklin County Superior Court, or be on probation in Franklin County District Court
- **Insured (privately, Medicare, Medicaid) or Medicaid-eligible and complete Medicaid application prior to being accepted into Therapeutic Court**
- Likely to achieve long-term benefits to their quality of life as it relates to their substance use disorder and/or mental illness by participating in Therapeutic Court
- Free of active warrants or able to resolve them quickly
- Cannot have a mental health disorder with violent manifestations that would create unreasonable risk to staff
- Dementia, delirium, developmental disabilities, or brain injuries cannot be the primary diagnosis. There must be evidence of an underlying mental health disorder