

Community safety

Participants who enter treatment dockets are heavily supervised. While in L.I.N.C., participants are required to engage in treatment, check in weekly with the L.I.N.C. Judge, drug test twice per week, and meet regularly with the L.I.N.C. probation officer and staff.



L.I.N.C. Court

Offering support, linkage to services and a pathway for change



LEARNING TO IDENTIFY
AND NAVIGATE CHANGE

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Restorative justice

Specialized dockets are the most successful intervention for leading people living with substance use and mental health disorders out of the justice system and into lives of recovery and stability.



Success

Specialized dockets save lives every single day. They employ a holistic approach that goes beyond simply treating mental health problems and substance use disorders.



What is L.I.N.C.?

Formerly known as the Mental Health Court, L.I.N.C. is a voluntary treatment docket with a focus on mental health recovery.

L.I.N.C. is an opportunity for participants to work through core issues that have led to involvement with the criminal justice system.

Participants are placed on probation, instead of being incarcerated, and undergo treatment while meeting program requirements.

The L.I.N.C. docket is certified by the Supreme Court of Ohio.

The Court has many other helpful services, including:



The Self Help Center is a free walk-in service to help individuals represent themselves in court without a lawyer.



Need an interpreter? Interpreters are available for American Sign Language and 45 foreign languages

Eligibility requirements:

- ◆ A new misdemeanor charge or pending violation on a current probation case is required.
- ◆ Certain felony charges will be considered.
- ◆ Criteria must be met for a primary diagnosis of a moderate to severe mental-health condition. A co-occurring diagnosis will be considered.
- ◆ Referrals may be made by the defense attorney, prosecutor, or referring judge. All **three** must agree and sign off for the person to enter the program.

Once in L.I.N.C. participants will be required to:

- ◆ Engage in weekly randomized drug screens.
- ◆ Follow treatment requirements.
- ◆ Check in with Probation and L.I.N.C. staff.
- ◆ Appear in court regularly, starting once a week.

Participants may have certain charges vacated and dismissed upon successful completion of the court, making it easier to seek jobs and housing. Participants may also avoid lengthy jail sentences.

Benefits to participating in L.I.N.C.

- ◆ Connections to treatment providers.
- ◆ Connections to vocational and educational training, housing, and transportation resources.
- ◆ Participants learn to navigate independently, make healthy lifestyle choices and gain more independence.
- ◆ The program has been proven to reduce recidivism.
- ◆ Help to address underlying issues related to negative behaviors.
- ◆ Develop skills to create and maintain healthy relationships in the community and with friends and family.
- ◆ May receive incentives for program compliance including praise, certificates, and other small tokens of acknowledgement.
- ◆ Engagement in pro-social activities.

Additional help:

MARCH PROGRAM
MAT, ASSESSMENTS, REFERRALS,
COLLABORATION & HOPE

The MARCH Program is an on-site resource center.



Learn more about the Franklin County Municipal Court's other Specialized Dockets

