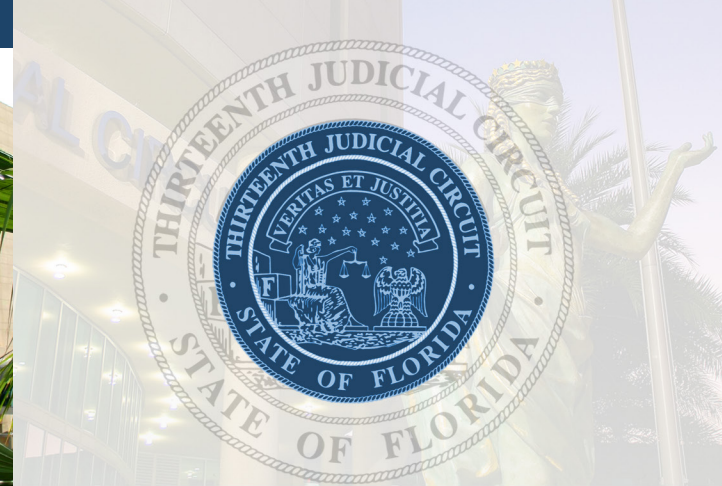


## Behavioral Health Programs

- Focuses on empowering clients
- Envisions reducing stigma associated to mental illness
- Recognizes client strengths as the foundation for client growth and development
- Acknowledges that provision of evidence-based assessments and interventions yield more positive outcomes than punitive consequences
- Depends upon already established professional relationships with community resources
- Acknowledges that families determine the outcome of their cases, based on their participation, and their willingness to work towards problem resolution.



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## Program Overview

Established in 2022, Behavioral Health Programs (BHP) offer an array of services to include (a) a comprehensive internship program where trauma informed students, intern in court programs which align with their field of study; (b) direct behavioral health services to assist Family Law litigants with co-parenting and time-sharing issues; (c) assisting Family Law litigants with linkage to community resources; and (d) support services for families ordered to participate in the Circuit's supervised visitation program.

Behavioral Health Programs services are provided by a licensed clinician or social work interns.

## What to Expect After Being Referred to BHP

Litigants will participate in individual Intake appointments. Once parties have completed their respective intake appointment, they are asked to attend a collaborative meeting with the other party, to review BHP recommendations. Recommended services may be provided by BHP or BHP assists in linking litigants to community services. It is important to know that services provided by BHP and services provided by community partners require a time commitment from each litigant.

## Types of Services the Court or BHP May Recommend

- Alienation Intervention and communication
- Child and Family Therapy
- Crisis Intervention
- Community Assistance
- Discharge Planning from the CJC Supervised Visitation Program
- Extended Parenting Class
- Marital Reconciliation
- Parenting Coordinator
- Psychological Evaluations
- Reunification Counseling
- Solution Focused Brief Therapy
- Targeted Case Management
- Time-sharing Issues/Schedule



## Is Information Litigants Share with BHP Confidential?

In accordance with section 491.0147, Florida Statutes, communication between a clinical social worker and her or his patient or client is confidential. BHP records will not be released without order of the court. Consequently, BHP does not typically disclose information learned from litigants to the court, nor to attorneys associated with the family law case.

BHP completes an Outcome Form which reflects litigant's level of compliance with recommended services.

## Possible BHP Intervention Outcomes

Litigants participating with BHP have reported (a) improved relationships with their co-parent, (b) achieving solutions to specific problems, (c) satisfaction with parenting plans they collaboratively created with their co-parent, (d) feeling heard and supported, and (e) appreciation for BHP's no-cost therapy services.

## Program Specifications

Circuit Judges order parties to meet with Behavioral Health Programs representatives; which may include graduate level social work interns. Litigants agree to participate in evidence-based risk/needs assessments and to adhere to BHP recommendations.