

CT TREATMENT PATHWAYS PROGRAM (TPP)

The Treatment Pathway Program (TPP) is an innovative court-based pretrial diversionary initiative that provides court-based assessment and referral services. Court-based clinicians work with the Judicial Branch Court Support Services Division (CSSD) Bail Services Unit to identify and serve defendants with substance use disorders who are in custody. Individuals are assessed in lockup prior to their arraignment to be safely released are immediately connected with clinical and recovery support services in the community. The defendant's care is managed through the entire pretrial process under the collaborative community supervision of both Bail Services and the clinical provider.

About the TPP:

- As a result of a recent SAMHSA grant, TPP is now available in Torrington, New London and Waterbury in addition to the original TPP location in Bridgeport.
- The goal is to expand options for pretrial diversion while also insuring public safety.
- The target population is defendants with substance use disorders, charged with certain offenses, who would not otherwise be released from custody at time of arraignment.
- The TPP clinician identifies eligible defendants, conducts clinical and risk screenings, prepares a plan for services for presentation to the court and provides access to behavioral health services immediately or soon after a diversion decision is made by the presiding judge.
- The TPP process at these locations provides the court with an additional option for services in the community in lieu of sending the individual to jail with a bond. Following the meeting with the defendant in the lock-up, Bail Services staff refers the defendant to the TPP clinician. The clinician meets with the defendant to discuss the program, gather information, and conduct an assessment that is used to develop a plan for services. At arraignment, the TPP clinician is present when the plan for services is presented to the court. If the judge accepts the plan, the defendant is released and meets with the clinician for connection to treatment and other services.
- The TPP provider manages the defendant's care through the entire pretrial process.
- TPP services include substance use disorder and mental health treatment and support services, medication assisted therapy, housing assistance, enrollment with entitlements, access to medical care, access to employment services, access to social supports, and access to peer support.



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