

## ***What is the Crossroads Program?***

Crossroads is an intensive supervision probation program for youth with mental health and/or substance abuse/dependence. Referrals are made by the Judge, Magistrates, Court Intake Officers and Probation Officers. Youth who are not in the juvenile court system are ***not*** eligible for the program. ***Once the participant has successfully completed the program, their qualifying charge(s) will be dismissed and expunged.***

## ***Who is Eligible for Crossroads?***

Participants must be at least 12 years old and have a qualifying mental health and/or substance abuse diagnosis. The family is also required to participate by attending Court proceedings, being involved in case planning and assuring that the youth complies with rules and conditions of the Crossroads Program.

## ***How Does the Program Work?***

Youth who meet the criteria for the program will receive intensive probation services for a minimum of one year, meet with their assigned probation officer 2-3 times per week initially and submit to frequent urine drug screens. The youth is also expected to attend all required programming of which they have been assessed to be in need.



## ***What Makes Crossroads Unique?***

The Crossroads Program addresses both the mental health and the substance abuse issues in one combined Court. Research has indicated that in as many as 80% of the instances, the issues are co-occurring. The innovative approach of the Crossroads Program has become a model for similar programs statewide and nationally.

## ***What is Expected of Program Participants?***

A case plan is developed with the family and includes all requirements imposed by the Court, as well as issues identified by the family, the youth and any existing service provider. There is no fee associated with participation in the program. Youth are further expected to abide by any recommendations made by their drug, alcohol or mental health providers.

## ***Who Works With Participants?***

The Crossroads staff includes a Magistrate, probation officers, a part-time clerk and a supervisor. An Assistant Prosecutor is assigned to the Crossroads Program to represent the interests of the state. An Attorney/GAL is provided by the Court to represent the best interests of the youth. The program collaborates with numerous community service providers offering substance abuse, mental health and

other counseling to youth and family members in the program. This networking offers the best opportunity for the youth to receive the optimal benefits of the program.

### *How Is Progress Tracked?*

While on probation, court officers monitor performance, attendance and behavior in school and compliance with individual case plan requirements. The program utilizes immediate rewards and consequences to reinforce positive behavioral changes.

As Crossroads youth progress through the program, the case plan requirements become less restrictive and the frequency of court appearances lessens. In order to achieve graduation status, youth must have met all of their program goals.

### Helpful Phone Numbers

CASA/GAL.....330-643-2928  
Crossroads Office.....330-643-2446  
ADM Board.....330-762-3500  
Attorney Help Desk.....330-643-2915  
Child Guidance and Family Solutions.....330-762-0591  
Family Resource Center .....330-379-3613  
Mental Health America.....330-923-0688  
NAMI of Summit County.....330-258-0811

### Websites

ADM Board  
[www.admboard.org](http://www.admboard.org)

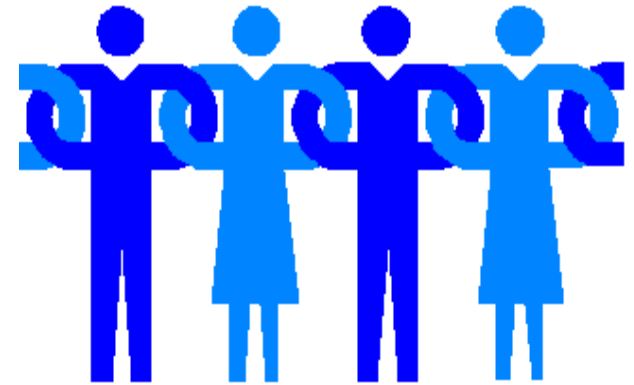
National Mental Health Association  
[www.nmha.org](http://www.nmha.org)

National Center for Mental Health and  
Juvenile Justice  
[www.ncmhjj.com](http://www.ncmhjj.com)

Office of Juvenile Justice and  
Delinquency Prevention  
[www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org](http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org)

Substance Abuse & Mental Health  
Services Administration  
[www.samhsa.gov](http://www.samhsa.gov)

# SUMMIT COUNTY JUVENILE COURT'S CROSSROADS PROGRAM



*Why You Are Here  
What You Can Expect*

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