



GRACe

GIVING RECOVERY A CHANCE.

What is the GRACe Program

- ▶ The GRACe program is an alternative to traditional prosecution for defendants who are afflicted with a Mental Health Issue.

How does it work?

- ▶ Defendants who participate in the GRACe Program will be connected to appropriate services. Once the defendant has successfully completed their treatment plan (as determined by a medical or mental health professional) their criminal charges will be dismissed.

Q. What is the target population of the GRACe program?

GRACe is a program intended primarily for heavy users of the criminal justice system whose mental health problems potentially affect their ability to meaningfully assist in their own defense and otherwise complicate their daily lives.

Specifically, those who have determined to be Seriously Mentally Ill

Goals



REDUCTION IN COST IN THE
AREAS OF INCARCERATION,
PROSECUTION, DEFENSE, AND
COURT COSTS, PARTICULARLY
RULE 11



REDUCE RECIDIVISM



INCREASE COMMUNITY
SAFETY



IMPROVE LIVES!



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AREAS OF
INCARCERATION,
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PARTICULARLY RULE 11

Rule 11

IN ARIZONA, A RULE 11 HEARING IS A COURT PROCEEDING WHERE THE JUDGE DETERMINES WHETHER THE DEFENDANT IS MENTALLY COMPETENT ENOUGH TO UNDERSTAND THE COURT PROCEEDINGS AND PARTICIPATE/ASSIST IN HIS/HER OWN DEFENSE. IF THE DEFENDANT IS UNABLE TO DO SO, THEN HE/SHE IS UNABLE TO STAND TRIAL.



Reduce
Recidivism



Increase
community
safety



Improve
Lives!

The issues:

Individuals with untreated mental health problems may also:

- Have frequent interaction with law enforcement and the criminal justice system
- Have trouble finding work
- Have trouble acquiring and maintaining adequate housing
- Struggle with alcohol and drug abuse
- Are often in jail for an extended period of time



Break the
cycle.



Missing Pieces

Participants may not have a copy of their:

- ▶ Birth Certificate
- ▶ Social Security Card
- ▶ Drivers License





Team Members

Community Partners:

MENTAL HEALTH AGENCIES

LOCAL SHELTERS

CANYON VISTA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH UNIT

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

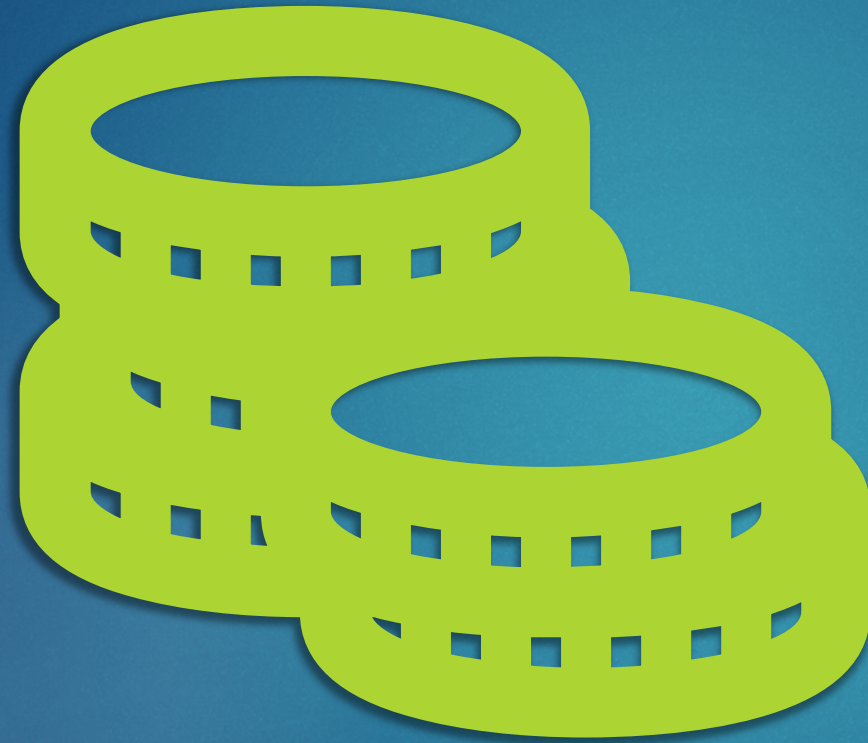
CASE MANAGERS



Challenges



Successes



Savings

What does it cost to participate?

- ▶ GRACe is a program provide by the County Attorney's Office and is 100 % free of cost to the participants.



Thank you!

Questions?



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