

The CAP Program Mission Statement

Our Mission is to identify, offer services to, and refer persons with serious mental illnesses who have become involved in Alameda County's Criminal Justice system to appropriate community-based, mental health, substance abuse, and social service agencies to promote wellness and recovery and to reduce incarceration and recidivism.

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Oakland CA 94612 Hayward, CA
(510) 670-5000 (510)-272-6600
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(510) 795-2600 (925) 551-6863

Alameda County Sheriff's Office Santa Rita Jail - Inmate Services Unit

(925)-551-6580

Criminal Justice Mental Health (CJMH) Santa Rita Jail

(925)-551-6740
Fax: (925)-551-6727

ACCESS Program – Alameda County Alcohol, Drug, & Mental Health Treatment Services

1 -(800)-491-9099
(510)-346-1010

BHCS Consumer Assistance Office

1-800-779-0787

NAMI

(Family Alliance on Mental Illness)

Oakland CA
(510)-835-0188

Mental Health Association of Alameda County (Legal Advocacy)

Oakland, CA 94608
(510)-835-0188

Homeless Action Center (Social Security Applications)

Berkeley (510)-540-0878
Oakland (510)-836-3260

Crisis Response

North County **South County**
(510)-268-7837 (510)-667-4901

John George Psychiatric Pavilion

Patient Information (510)-346-7500

Sausal Creek Outpatient Stabilization

510-437-2363



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Mental Illness and the Criminal Justice System

The number of persons with serious mental illnesses in jails and prisons has steadily increased over the years. It is estimated that 16% of persons incarcerated have serious mental illnesses. To address this problem, the courts in many jurisdictions have established collaborative relationships with mental health professionals who work within courtrooms to assist in finding alternatives to jail for these individuals. The court-assigned mental health staffs also help judges and attorneys understand how a person's untreated mental illness can contribute to arrest and incarceration.

Depending upon the legal charges, these courts look to find community care as a disposition rather than punishment. The court mental health professional's role is to offer assistance to defendants with mental illnesses. On a voluntary basis, defendants may choose to partner with court mental health staffs who will advocate for community treatment and other services, such as housing, so that individuals can be safely released from custody with follow-up support in the community.

The Court Advocacy Project (CAP) is a Mental Health Service Act -funded program. The court mental health staffs work closely with jail and community mental health providers. The CAP Program is intended to help break the circular pattern of arrest, incarceration, and institutionalization. Overwhelming evidence has demonstrated that active participation in a range of community-based services can greatly assist individuals struggling with mental illnesses to achieve wellness and recovery and remain out of hospitals and jails.

The CAP Program Referral line

(510)-627-4992
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CAP Locations

Fremont Hall of Justice
Dept. 606
Tuesday & Thursday

Rene C. Davidson Courthouse
Dept. 11
Tuesday & Thursday

W. Wiley Manual Courthouse
Dept. 104, 111, 112
Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Hayward Hall of Justice
Dept. 513
Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Mailing Address

The CAP Program
c/o CJMH
Santa Rita Jail
5325 Broder Blvd.
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CAP Program Services

- **Identify and Connect** defendants with mental illnesses to treatment services while in jail and **Refer** to community treatment for post release follow up.
- **Involve** community treatment providers in the court process for their clients and notify them of court status to ensure continuity of care
- **Assist** Judges, Public Defenders, DA's & Probation in understanding mental illnesses and treatment resources
- **Identify** underlying issues leading to recidivism; i.e. Housing, Benefits, Medical Issues, Substance Abuse, etc
- **Advocate** for specialty mental health treatment, such as hospitalization for acutely ill, suicidal, and gravely disabled individuals
- **Assist** family members in navigating the courts and the mental health system of care