

PROBATION'S MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING COURT PROGRAM RECOGNIZED

HONORED WITH TWO AWARDS

Congratulations to the Los Angeles County Probation Department's Mental Health Housing Court Program for being recognized as a "2021 National Association of Counties Achievement Award Winner" in the Criminal Justice and Public Safety category.

The 2021 National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Awards recognize endeavors demonstrating best practices and innovative programs. In 2021, NACo recognized 844 programs from across the country in 18 different categories. One hundred sixteen entries were submitted, and the department's Mental Health Housing Court Program (MHHC) was one of the programs chosen to receive this prestigious recognition.

The Mental Health Housing Court Program was also the 2021 California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Award Winner. CSAC's panel of judges reviewed 433 entries from around the State, including 22 submissions from departments across the County of Los Angeles. Of the 28 Merit Awards issued, five were granted to the County. The Mental Health Housing Court Program was one of the five programs that received a Merit Award.



Director Estell

"Thank you, MHHC team. The Bureau and Department are appreciative for the outstanding effort and the continued successful MHHC operation and delivery of services to our clients"

- Deputy Director Giron

The Mental Health Housing Court Program is a CORE Adult Bureau supervision program for mentally ill/homeless clients who receive housing and mental health treatment upon release from county jail.

Under the leadership of Director E. Estell, this program continues to make a difference and provide supervision to the mentally ill/homeless population. MHHC DPOs conduct a home visit within 48 hours of the client's release from custody. The program is unique. Unlike the traditional form of supervision where the client must report to the office, the MHHC DPO visits their client at least two (2) times a month at their home or housing program location. The goal of MHHC program is to meet and provide support and guidance to a very high-risk population. This goal is accomplished by collaborating with housing case managers and treatment providers to ensure clients follow their treatment plans and goals.

Congratulations to the Mental Health Housing Court Program for receiving these prestigious honors. The Los Angeles County Probation Department salutes you!