

**WINNEBAGO COUNTY
THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTION PROGRAM AT.I.P.@
(Mental Health Court)**

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

ELIGIBLE OFFENSES:

- § All criminal misdemeanor offenses are eligible for the T.I.P.
- § All Class 2, 3, and 4 felonies that do not involve bodily harm or threat of bodily harm or mandatory penitentiary time are eligible for the T.I.P
- § Domestic violence offenses may be accepted into the TIP Court at the discretion of the Team and with the Judge=s approval.
- § All misdemeanor and felony domestic violence offenses must have the consent of the victim.
- § The following felony offenses may be considered even though they involve bodily harm or threat of bodily harm where mental illness is a causative factor in the offense.
 - Threatening a public official
 - Eavesdropping
 - Intimidation

EXCLUSIONARY OFFENSES:

- § All felony offenses that involve a weapon are excluded.
- § All misdemeanor offenses that involve a weapon are excluded unless the defendant=s mental illness is a causative factor in the offense.
- § The following offenses are excluded:
 - Driving under the Influence
 - Residential Burglary
 - All non-probationable drug offenses
 - All offenses involving deadly substances
 - All offenses involving anhydrous ammonia equipment, containers, and facilities.
 - Arson
 - Robbery
 - All escape offenses
 - Criminal Fortification
- § **All sex offenses with the exception of prostitution are excluded.**

OTHER ELIGIBILITY FACTORS:

- § Defendant must have been diagnosed with an serious mental illness as described in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, fourth edition, text revised (DSM-IV-TR) as an Axis 1 disorder (e.g. Schizophrenia, Bi-Polar Disorder, Major Depression).
- § Defendant must be willing to cooperate with the court and with an approved treatment agency and sign all releases of information required by the court.
- § **Defendant must be screened and approved by the T.I.P. Team to participate.**
- § **A defendant=s past criminal record will be considered in the staffing as well as the current offense, and may preclude participation in the TIP Court.**
- § Defendant must be 18 years of age and reside in Winnebago County.

Any other questions on eligibility, please contact the TIP office at 319-4805.

