

H.E.L.P Program Eligibility Requirements

- 1) Reside in Hall County
- 2) Charged in Hall County or on Probation/Parole in Hall County
- 3) English or Spanish speaking
- 4) **Mental Health Criteria**
 - a. Severe and Persistent Mental Illness (psychotic disorders and major mood disorders)
 - b. Co-occurring disorders
 - c. Mental Retardation
 - d. Other Axis I disorders that are primary to their involvement in the criminal justice system
- 5) **Legal Criteria**
 - a. Misdemeanors & Felonies
 - b. Prosecutors consent required for enrollment into HELP program
- 6) **Exclusion Criteria** – Murder, Rape, Aggravated Sodomy, Aggravated Child Molestation; Kidnapping with bodily injury, Armed Robbery, all Sexual Offenses, Trafficking, Gang Affiliations, Currently serving a state sentence, Organic brain disorders (traumatic and acquired brain injuries).
- 7) Voluntary Participation
- 8) 17 and up – criminal adult population