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## DESCRIPTION

The PAJ-SM program (*Programme d'accompagnement justice - santé mentale*) began as a pilot project in May 2008 at the Ville de Montréal Municipal Court.

It is a social program that aims to provide close monitoring and legal support adapted to the situation of people with mental health issues. The objectives are, among others, to offer an alternative to incarceration through close monitoring in the community and to facilitate the linkage between the justice network and the health and social services network.

## WHO CAN QUALIFY FOR THIS PROGRAM?

The PAJ-SM is for people who show signs of mental health problems and are facing criminal or penal charges before the Ville de Montréal Municipal Court. Since this is a completely voluntary program, the person who agrees to participate in PAJ-SM may withdraw from it at any time during judicial proceedings.

## WHAT ARE THE SERVICES OFFERED THROUGH THIS PROGRAM?

The main services offered to participants in the PAJ-SM are:

- assessment of psychosocial situations and dangerousness of detainees;
- clinical and legal orientation according to the needs and available resources;
- liaison with the health and social services network;
- psychosocial support for participants;
- support during hearings;
- reference to the various network resources;
- information and advice to partners involved with the clientele.

## WHO IS INVOLVED IN THIS PROGRAM?

The PAJ-SM is run by a multidisciplinary team:

- liaison officers (CSSS Jeanne-Mance)
- probation officer (MSP)
- defence attorney (CLCM)
- criminologists (IPPM)
- Municipal Court judges
- general practitioners
- prosecuting attorneys