



CORRECTIONS MEDICINE
Mental Health Care
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- I. **PURPOSE:** To provide access to mental health services to all patients during their incarceration at the Buzz Westfall Justice Center.

- II. **POLICY:** All patients incarcerated at the Buzz Westfall Justice Center shall have access to mental health services.

- III. **RESPONSIBILITY:** All staff working in the Corrections Medicine program and specific Department of Justice Services (DJS) staff are responsible for the content of this policy and procedure as well as adherence to the policy.

- IV. **PROCEDURE:**
 - 1. Corrections Medicine Staff shall conduct a mental health screening upon a patient’s arrival at the facility. The mental health staff shall recommend and make arrangements for patients who are in need of mental health services.

 - 2. The following mental health services shall be available to patients at the Buzz Westfall Justice Center:
 - a. Psychiatric services are available for infirmary care and scheduled clinic visits.

 - b. Psychology services are available for infirmary care and for therapy

 - c. Clinical Social Worker(s) (CSW) are available for screening of all patients referred to mental health. CSWs make visits in the housing units, segregation units for patients referred by Corrections Medicine or DJS staff.

 - d. The Corrections Medicine staff shall distribute psychotropic medications to patients as ordered.

 - 3. Patients, or any staff member on behalf of the patient, may make a request for mental health services at any time.

 - 4. The mental health staff shall provide referral information to community clinics for patients in need of specialized treatments or examinations.

 - 5. Mental health records shall be maintained for all mental health care provided and are kept confidential consistent with local, state and federal law.