



PSA Pretrial Services Agency for the District of Columbia

Promoting pretrial justice and enhancing community safety

SOCIAL SERVICES AND ASSESSMENT CENTER | SSAC

Providing needs assessments and referral for treatment and services

ABOUT THE SSAC

Defendants on pretrial release are screened or assessed for substance use disorder and/or mental health needs through PSA's Social Services and Assessment Center (SSAC). The SSAC serves as a repository for information on community resources and helps to connect defendants with needed social services.



ELIGIBILITY

SSAC services are available to any defendant under pretrial supervision who is referred by a Pretrial Services Officer (PSO) or ordered by the Court to receive a substance use disorder and/or mental health screening or assessment.

REFERRAL PROCESS

- A defendant may be referred for a substance use disorder assessment if he/she tests positive for an illicit substance and/or is suspected of abusing alcohol.
- A defendant may be referred for a mental health assessment if he/she has a self-reported mental health history or is suspected of having a mental health condition.
- SSAC services are available on a first come, first served basis. Appointments are not needed.
- After assessment, eligible defendants may be placed into PSA's Specialized Supervision Unit (SSU), which provides supervision through case management of defendants with severe and persistent mental illness and/or co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders.
- Defendants ineligible for SSU are referred to a DC Department of Behavioral Health Core Service Agency (CSA) to receive mental health and substance use disorder services.

SOCIAL SERVICES REFERRALS

The SSAC makes referrals for a variety of social service resources, including:

- Education and GED services
- Employment services
- Vocational training
- Assistance with obtaining identification cards
- Temporary housing and shelter
- Clothing and food banks
- Medical services

HOURS OF OPERATION

- Monday – Friday
- 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
- Closed for lunch from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Assessments take approximately 45 minutes, but may take longer depending on various circumstances.

LOCATION

- 601 Indiana Avenue, NW, 9th Floor | Washington, DC 20004

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