The Crossroads Program serves children with substance abuse/dependence problems and mental illness, most commonly referred to as "co-occurring disorders." Juveniles with a substance dependence diagnosis can also be accepted into the program, as well as youth who may be diagnosed solely with an affective mental health disorder. The Crossroads program is intensive probation and lasts a minimum of one year. Each child has a case plan and community agencies provide services to the children and their families, including treatment for substance abuse and mental health, family and individual counseling, educational, vocational and employment services. Drug screening is conducted regularly while the child is in the program. Participants are required to attend regular court hearings to review progress and sanctions are issued for program violations. Frequency of court reviews also decrease as the children progress through the program with positive rewards offered for children who achieve program goals. The program also works with parents and children to strengthen and improve the family unit through counseling.

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