



Additional Services Provided by SAM, Inc.:

- *Intake, Information and Referral*
- *Mental Health Intensive Case Management, Resource Coordination, and Administrative Case Management*
- *Mental Health Crisis Intervention and Emergency Services*
- *Mental Retardation Support Coordination*
- *Referral to various Mental Health and Mental Retardation Support Services*




The mission of Service Access & Management, Inc. is to help people throughout Pennsylvania enhance the quality of their lives by effectively and efficiently managing and/or providing needed human services.




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CARF has accredited SAM Inc.'s Case Management and Crisis Intervention Services



Forensic Mental Health Case Management Services For Adult Residents of Berks County



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Forensic Mental Health Case Management Services

Forensic Unit Goals

- To provide consultation to Law Enforcement, the Courts, and Court-Related Departments regarding diversion services in lieu of incarceration, when appropriate.
- To exchange information with Berks County Prison upon incarceration, when appropriate.
- To facilitate the accessing of community services upon release from prison.

Programming

- Primary hours of services are 8 AM to 12 AM, Monday through Friday.
 - * Services during overnight (12 AM to 8 AM) and weekend hours (12 AM Friday through 8 AM Monday) are provided by the Crisis Intervention Unit.
- Contacts may be initiated by phone or fax.
- Case Managers provide services to individuals in the community and in Berks County Prison.

Forensic Unit Services

Forensic Diversion for Non-Violent Offenders

- Individuals in custody, or who have come to the attention of police officers and are observed as behaving inappropriately due to the possible presence of mental illness, may be assessed/screened by forensic staff in the SAM, Inc. office or in the community. Options in regard to further mental health interventions may then be pursued.
- District Justices and Judges may request an assessment/screening of individuals by forensic case management. In the event that the court considers mental health intervention to be an appropriate option, the individual may have a choice to accept treatment in lieu of arrest.

Provision of Information to/from

Berks County Prison

- Forensic Case Managers are present at Berks County Prison, Monday through Friday, on a rotating basis to meet with inmates and prison treatment staff.
- Confidential information can be mutually shared between Berks County Prison and SAM, Inc. only when an inmate completes the appropriate form. This expedites continuity of care and provision of treatment.

Accessing Services for Mental Health

Individuals Upon Release From

Berks County Prison

- Request for services are made by prison staff through the SAM, Inc. Forensic Supervisor.
 - As individuals are identified as in need of services, a case manager is assigned to complete a more detailed assessment of needs.
 - Application for medical assistance is a part of the transition plan from Berks County Prison into the community.
 - The case manager links individuals to community resources.
 - Case management services are targeted to be offered for a period of up to 90 days. This allows the case manager to continually re-assess the need for services.
 - The case manager participates in any/all treatment team meetings as needed.
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