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## Sedgwick County Offender Assessment Program

### **What is the SCOAP?**

The Sedgwick County Offender Assessment Program (SCOAP) was recommended by the Sedgwick County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and is designed to address the needs of individuals who have a diagnosable mental illness such as major depressive, bipolar disorder or schizophrenia and who have come into contact with the criminal justice system. Through treatment, SCOAP addresses the causes of the arresting behavior to reduce recidivism among these mentally ill persons.

Most crimes involved are misdemeanor offenses. In some circumstances, such as with nuisance crimes, individuals can be redirected at the outset, away from incarceration and into community-based mental health and substance abuse treatment. SCOAP provides mental health assessment services, intensive case management, crisis intervention and medication management services.

### **What is the Crisis Stabilization Unit?**

A Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) is available to address the needs of SCOAP participants experiencing an acute psychiatric crisis. The CSU provides a safe, structured environment for the provision of crisis intervention and crisis stabilization services 24 hours a day. Located at 1720 East Morris, the CSU facility includes three bedrooms, a living room, dining area, kitchen, bathroom and laundry facilities.

### **SCOAP has three goals:**

- (1) To reduce the number of low-risk mentally ill individuals in the county jail.
- (2) Improve access and follow up to appropriate mental health screening and services for mentally ill persons in the custody of law enforcement.
- (3) Reduce recidivism among mentally ill persons arrested.

### **SCOAP Participants:**

Referrals to SCOAP are made through the Criminal Justice System. SCOAP serves adults age 18 and older. Participation in the program is voluntary. Participants must live in Sedgwick County and complete a required screening and assessment with Qualified Mental Health Professionals.

### **SCOAP Staff:**

The program is staffed 24/7 by a team of licensed clinical and masters level social workers, case managers, and a security guard. Medication management services are provided by an advanced registered nurse practitioner during regular business hours.

### **Where do I get more information?**

COMCARE of Sedgwick County

- First Appointment: 660-7540
- 24-hour Crisis Line: 660-7500
- Or visit the Sedgwick County Web site at [www.sedgwickcounty.org](http://www.sedgwickcounty.org).