

**Title :**

Study of the implementation of Montreal's mental health court (pilot project)

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**Project summary:**

During the last ten years, a number of specialized courts, including mental health courts (MHC) have been implemented. There are more than a hundred of them in North America, including a few in Canada. In May 2008, Quebec province has endowed the city of Montreal with its first mental health court. The global objective of this research project is to document the implementation process and to situate the Montreal MHC in comparison with other specialized courts. The study is non-experimental, prospective longitudinal, with mixed-method design (qualitative and quantitative). More specifically, the goals of the project are the following: 1) document the operations of the MHC; 2) describe the impressions of the service providers involved in the MHC; 3) describe the impressions of the participants and their relatives involved in the MHC; 4) evaluate the Montreal MHC's rate of recruitment compared with other similar courts; 5) describe the clientele (psycho-socio-criminal) in comparison with the individuals who refused to participate; 6) Document the use of health care, housing and detention services, 7) Identify characteristics associated with the follow-up with the MHC of with the return to the regular court. This study is a collaborative project and results will be presented to the follow-up committee in order to support the implementation of the mental health court.