



CARE COURT



HCA DIRECT PETITION FILING

in collaboration with

JCRP and O&E



What is CARE?

Community
Assistance
Recovery &
Empowerment

Care is a **civil court process** to:

- Focus counties and other local governments on serving persons with **untreated schizophrenia spectrum or other psychotic disorders**.
- Provide **behavioral health and other essential resources** and services.
- **Protect self-determination and civil liberties** by providing legal counsel and promoting supported decision making.
- **Intervene sooner** in the lives of those in need to provide support.

Respondent

5. The severe symptoms cause behaviors that

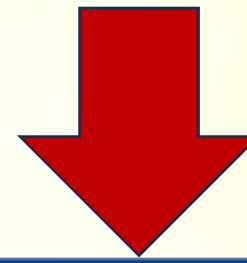


Who does this program serve?

- Adults, 18 years or older.
- Diagnosed with a Schizophrenia Spectrum and Other Psychotic Disorders.
- Currently experiencing behaviors & symptoms associated with severe mental illness (SMI).
- Not clinically stabilized in on-going voluntary treatment.
- Sample criteria:
 - Requires services & supports to prevent relapse or deterioration
 - Participation in CARE Plan or Agreement is the least restrictive alternative.



Who can petition?



Family/Home

- Persons with whom respondent resides.
- Spouse, parent, sibling, adult child, grandparents, or another individual in place of a parent.
- Respondent (i.e. self petition)

Community

- First responder (e.g., firefighter, paramedic, mobile crisis response, homeless outreach worker)
- Director of a Hospital, or designee, in which the respondent is hospitalized.
- Licensed behavioral health professional, or designee treating respondent for mental illness.
- Director of a public /charitable organization providing behavioral health services or whose institution respondent resides.

County

- County behavioral health director, or **designee**
- Public Guardian or designee.
- Director of adult protective services or designee.

Tribal Jurisdiction

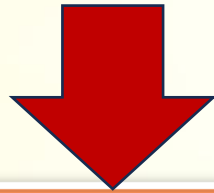
- Director of a California Indian health services program, California tribal behavioral health department, or designee.
- Judge of a tribal court located in CA, or designee.

How to file a petition?



- Complete petition ([CARE-100](#)) – remember to fill out **ALL** requested information.
- **Additionally**, provide the required documentation.
 - Completed **Mental Health Declaration ([CARE-101](#))** from licensed behavioral health provider **OR;**
 - Evidence the respondent was detained for a minimum of **TWO** periods of intensive treatment (**WIC 5250 holds**), the most recent episode being within the last **60 days**.

Roles in CARE Act



Court

- Prima Facie
- Determines outcomes
- Sets dates
- Issues orders
- Sanctions

HCA

- Outreach
- Engagement
- Linkage
- Case Management Hearings
- Report on progress

Public Defender

- Legal representation for client
- Advocates for client

Supporter

- Appointed by client
- Friend, family, provider, etc.
- Advocates for client's preferences

Roles and Responsibilities

For Service Providers

- **Communication is Key**
 - All updates need to be communicated to the HCA CARE Team as soon as possible
 - Examples: Client transfers, linkage, AWOLs
- **Meeting Coordination and Attendance**
 - HCA CARE Team for linkage
 - Case Management Conferences
 - HCA, PD, Supporter, Client
- Data



What CARE OFFERS

HCA CARE TEAM

Engagement and Referral Services

- Locate
- Engage
- Offer Services
- Submit Referrals
- Support Linkage to the Service Provider

Court Involvement

- Receive Court Order to Engage
- Provide Status Reports on Engagement to Court
- Construct CARE Agreement or Plan and Provide to Court
- Attend Court Progress Court Dates
- Gather data from Service Providers for Status Court Reports

Data

- Gather Data Points
- Submit Data to State

SERVICE PROVIDER

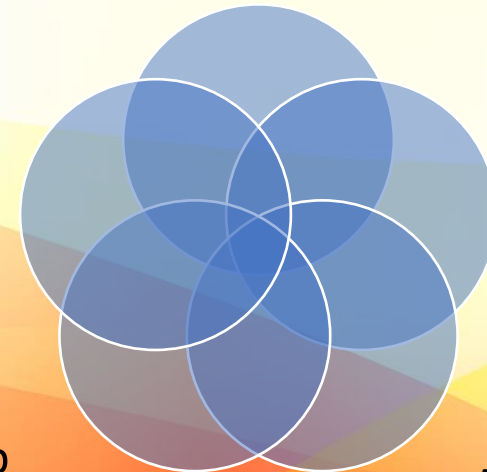
Outpatient Treatment in Community

Social Services

Case Management

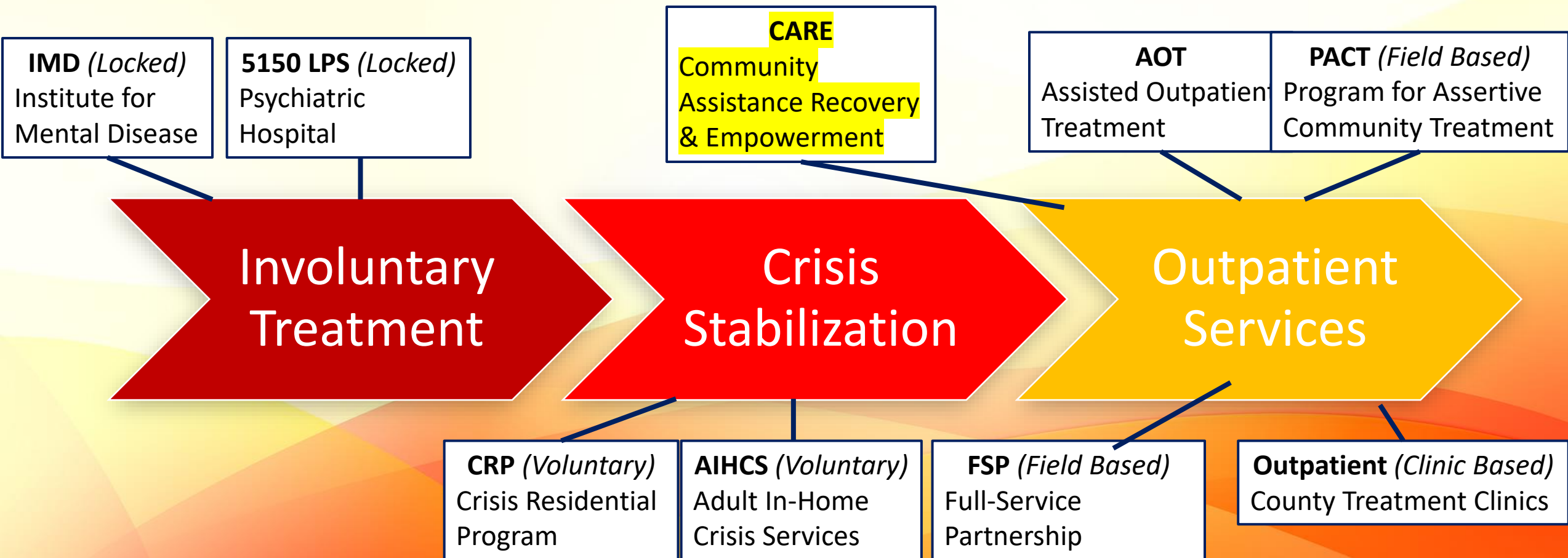
Individual and Group Therapy

Medication Management



* Based on Clinical Judgement and Participant Readiness

Other **Orange County Programs** Available



CARE Petition Filing and Submission Options

CARE PETITION AUTO-POPULATION PROCESS

[Automated CARE Petition Link](#)

1. Click “*Start as a Guest*”—agree to terms, in order to continue
2. On dropdown for “*County where you will file the case:*” – select “Orange”
3. BEFORE continuing to questions, there is a dropdown at the top right titled “*Courthouse where you will file the case:*”
 - Choose location for filing (Costa Mesa Justice Complex, is where court is held)
4. Continue to answer all questions
 - If CARE is not appropriate for the client, the form will stop and provide that guidance, based on user inputs/answers
 - If CARE is appropriate, the automated form will get to the end and give the user an option to download/print.
5. The petition still has to be printed, signed, and submitted to the court
 - [Link to electronically submit completed, signed, and scanned forms](#)
 - Attach completed and scanned forms
 - Fill required fields and hit send
 - ***If court type is required, select “Probate” as court type
 - [Link to locations where petitions can be filed in person](#)
 - Five locations have Self-Help Centers

CARE COURT VIDEOS

[Court "how to" video for CARE COURT petition filing](#)

[CARE Court Specialist video \(Self-Help “Helper”\)](#)

PDF VERSION FORMS - CARE Petition and Declaration

[CARE-100 Petition to Commence CARE Act Proceedings](#)

[CARE-101 Mental Health Declaration—CARE Act Proceedings](#)