

Purpose of CARE Court

CARE Court aims to deliver behavioral health services to the most severely ill and vulnerable individuals, while preserving self-determination and community living. CARE Court is an upstream diversion to prevent more restrictive conservatorship for incarceration; this is based on evidence which demonstrates that many people can stabilize, begin healing, and exit homelessness in less restrictive, community-based care settings.

CARE Act Assistance from Superior Court

Location:

Self-Help Center, First Floor
12855 Justice Center Drive
Sonora, CA 95370

CARE Act Assistance

Walk-In Hours:

Monday through Friday

California Courts Self-Help Center:

www.courts.ca.gov

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**Tuolumne County
Behavioral Health Department
105 Hospital Road
Sonora, CA 95370**

Our 24-hour Crisis Line and
Support Services are available 24
hours a day, 7 days a week:

(209) 533-7000

or

(800) 630-1130

Or 988

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(209) 533-6245

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TUOLUMNE COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

CARE Court

(Community Assistance,
Recovery and Empowerment)

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What is CARE Court?

The CARE Act authorizes specified adult persons to petition a civil court to create a voluntary CARE Agreement or court-ordered CARE Plan that may include:

- Behavioral Health
- Medication Management
- Housing Resources
- Social Services and Supports

The CARE Act goal is to provide mental health services to the most severely impaired Californians who often languish without the treatment they need. CARE Act is **NOT** for everyone experiencing homelessness or mental illness; CARE Act focuses on the people with Schizophrenia Spectrum or psychotic disorders with specific criteria.

Who can file a Petition?

- Person whom the Respondent resides;
- Spouse, parent, sibling, adult child, grandparents, or immediate family;
- First responder: Peace officer, firefighter, mobile crisis response, homeless outreach worker;
- Director of Hospital, or designee, where Respondent is hospitalized;
- Licensed Behavioral Health Professional or designee treating Respondent for mental health services;
- Director of Public/Charitable Organization providing behavioral health services;
- Director of Adult Protective Services or designee;
- A judge or tribal court located in California;
- The director of a California Indian health services program or a California tribal behavioral health department, or their designee.

Who is Eligible?

- 18 years and older;
- Schizophrenia Spectrum disorder or other psychotic disorders;
- The person has symptoms that are severe in degree and persistent in duration, which interferes substantially with activities of daily living, and which may result in an inability to maintain stable adjustment and independent functioning without treatment, support, and rehabilitation for a long or indefinite period of time;
- The person is not stabilized with ongoing voluntary outpatient treatment;
- Either the person is unlikely to survive safely/independently in the community (such as maintaining personal safety, hygiene, diet, health and/or necessary relationships without supervision) and the condition is deteriorating OR services and support are needed to prevent relapse or deterioration;

Eligibility Cont'd

- Participation in CARE Act is the least restrictive alternative; AND
- The person will likely benefit from participating in a CARE Plan or CARE Agreement.

Is CARE Court a Conservatorship?

No, it seeks to prevent need for conservatorship by intervening prior to the need for such restrictive services and providing shorter-term court ordered, community-based care with Supportive Decision Making.

Are there alternatives to CARE Court?

- Yes, outpatient services that anyone could receive through CARE Court, are already available at Tuolumne County Behavioral Health.

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