

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MARIN**

**MARIN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
LAUNCHES CARE COURT
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CARE Court Press Release

Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Court launches in Marin County on December 2, 2024, to provide critical mental health, housing, and other services to individuals suffering from untreated schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders.

Created by [Senate Bill 1338](#), and endorsed by Gov. Gavin Newsom, the CARE Act aims to create court-ordered care plans to reduce homelessness, short-term psychiatric hospitalization, and incarceration for individuals diagnosed with schizophrenia spectrum disorder or another psychotic disorder in the same class.

[CARE Court](#) includes a new civil court process that provides community-based behavioral health services to residents who are living with untreated schizophrenia or other psychotic disorders. CARE Court empowers a wide range of individuals to refer or directly petition on behalf of a client or loved one. Parties needing assistance with CARE Petitions or to determine eligibility may contact the [Legal Self-Help Center](#).

The Hon. Mark A. Talamantes will preside as Marin's CARE Act Judge. CARE Court planning and implementation is made possible through community partnership with Marin County's [Behavioral Health and Recovery Services](#) (BHRS), [Public Defender](#), and [County Counsel](#).

Additional support, such as a Family Resource Guide and other information, can be accessed via the [CARE Act Resource Center](#) and the [CARE Act Self Help Guide](#).